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## HOSPITAL DISASTER.

### EXPLOSION, FIRE AND POISON GAS.

### TERRIBLE HAVOC AT FAMOUS U.S. INSTITUTION.

## NEARLY HUNDRED DEAD

Described as the most appalling disaster in recent American history, an explosion and fire have almost completely destroyed the famous Cleveland Clinic Hospital, with a loss, in terrible circumstances, of nearly a hundred lives.

Dozens of others are suffering agony from the deadly effects of poison gas, which spread from blazing X-ray films and the laboratories through the blazing building and into the streets. People witnessing the dreadful affair collapsed, while some of the patients were forced to lie helpless watching the deadly fumes creeping slowly towards them.

The catastrophe commenced with a terrific explosion, followed with alarming rapidity by a fire, the flames being fanned to fury by the escape of compressed oxygen from burst tanks.

The scenes were ghastly beyond description as the injured and dying were dragged out of the blazing building by heroic rescuers and placed on the lawn.

Their bodies had turned a deep green in colour by the action of the poison gas fumes.

Graphic messages telling the full story of the grim tragedy are given below.

## CITY PLUNGED INTO NIGHTMARE.

New York, May 15.

The great city of Cleveland, on the banks of Lake Erie, has been plunged into an appalling nightmare as the result of a terrific explosion in the X-ray room of the famous Cleveland Clinic Hospital on Euclid Avenue.

The horror of the affair was intensified by a devastating fire, which speedily enveloped the building, threatening hundreds of patients.

Already it is known that 66 persons have been killed and 40 seriously injured, and it is feared that the final casualty list will show a greatly increased death-roll.

### Poison Fumes.

Euclid Avenue with its beautiful winding walks and flower-bordered drive-ways presented an amazing spectacle. Hundreds of people rushed to the scene, on hearing the explosion, and fire-fighting equipment from all over the city assembled in spite of the extreme danger from the poisonous fumes spreading in all directions from the blazing building.

Early spectators dropped down unconscious in numbers, but, as soon as the danger was realized, they were shepherded to safety by police squads.

The death-roll is mounting, and it is now officially stated that 91 bodies have been removed from the raging inferno.

Ever since the first shock of the explosion, there has been the ghastly spectacle of the injured and the dying being dragged out of the clinic and placed on the lawn.

Their bodies have been coloured and stained a deep green by the fumes of the poison gas escaping from the laboratories.

This deadly gas has been spreading into the streets and numbers of pedestrians have fallen on the pavements unconscious. The firemen and the police are equipped with gas-masks.

The Cleveland Clinic Hospital is one of the most famous of such institutions in the United States, and its staff comprises many physicians and surgeons of international reputation.

### Famous Surgeon Escapes.

The medical officer in charge is the world-famous surgeon, Dr. George W. Crile, who was one of the original founders of the Clinic, which was opened to public for the first time in 1921.

Dr. Crile, who is a leading authority on surgery, and did wonderful service in France during the Great War, himself had a very narrow escape, but it is learned that he managed to get to safety unaided.

The terrible disaster evoked the most heroic response from the staff of the great hospital. The catastrophe burst at one of the

most busiest periods in its history, when it was crowded with patients.

The nurses and the doctors, immediately they had recovered from the first shock of the explosion, rushed into the wards, amid stifling heat and suffocating fumes and carried out scores of patients, many of whom were already dead. A number of the members of the staff dropped down suffering from the fumes and had themselves to be rescued.

### Gallant Rescuers.

Meanwhile fire-engines, nurses, doctors and ambulances from miles around, escorted through the busy streets by police cars with screaming sirens, dashed at full speed to the scene of the inferno.

When the efforts of the staff had almost been exhausted firemen carried on the work of rescue in frightful conditions, carrying out patients through the windows in scores.

A passing lorry-driver, seeing a fireman with a gas-mask in his hand, seized it and dashed into the flames, and rescued twenty people, immediately afterwards collapsing.

A passing taxi-driver then intervened, and went into the blazing building, rescuing thirty.

### Patient Marooned on Roof.

A dozen patients were cut off through the collapse of a staircase and the blinding fumes from the X-ray room and laboratories, and they were hoisted by doctors and nurses through a skylight to the roof.

Their position here is still extremely precarious and frantic efforts are being made to reach the marooned people by means of ladders.

Firemen have succeeded in reaching the doctors, nurses and patients marooned on the roof of the Clinic Hospital, and they have all been brought to safety.

### Worst For Many Years.

The explosion and fire at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital is one of the most terrible disasters which has occurred in the United States for many years.

Most of the victims of the catastrophe are patients, but it is believed that among the dead and injured are a number of doctors and nurses.

The explosions occurred among the X-ray films stored in the basement. The opinion is officially expressed that a number of tanks of compressed oxygen blew out. The explosion of the oxygen made the heat terrific, adding to the intensity of the flames.

Bromine gas from the films was released in dense brown clouds, which burned out the sensitive

## CHAN MING-SHU FOR CANTON?

### MAY GO ON NORTHERN CRUISER.

### FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES AT SAMSHUI.

### SWATOW IN REVOLT.

A report from Chinese sources states that General Chan Ming-shu, who has been confined in the Government Civil Hospital for several weeks consequent on injuries at the King Edward Hotel fire, is likely to go to Canton on board the Hai Yung, one of the Northern cruisers now in Hongkong Harbour.

General Chan Ming-shu is a supporter of the Central Government and since the Kwangtung war his presence in Canton city, to direct the military operations, has been much needed by his colleagues in the Canton Government.

The same report suggests that General Chan conferred with high officers of the two Northern cruisers now in Hongkong and that the latter were guests of the Canton Governor at a supper in a Chinese Restaurant last night.

These reports are interesting in view of denials by the Admiral in command that the cruisers were proceeding to Canton.

### A False Alarm.

Canton, May 15.

There is no definite news regarding the Kwangtung advance on Canton. Perfect quiet continues in the city, though there was a moment of alarm last night when it was rumoured that the Kwangtung forces had occupied Fatsan, only ten miles away. This rumour, however, proved to be entirely false, and all is going on as usual to-day, without a thought of military activities.

The Cantonese authorities claim a victory near Samshui and state that they are driving the Kwangtung troops back on the West River. A certain amount of fighting has taken place around Samshui, but no news has been received here to indicate any change in the situation.

H.M.S. Moorhen will be arriving in port this evening from Samshui, and H.M.S. Cicula leaves tomorrow to replace her at Samshui.

A letter dated yesterday evening received from Samshui states that fighting is going on there and that the Cantonese troops were expected to evacuate at any moment as they were not strong enough to hold the place.—Our Own Correspondent.

### Cruisers to Attack?

Canton, May 15.  
Northern cruisers have arrived at Swatow to co-operate with General Chan Tsing's Fukienese troops in an attack on the port.

The Third Division, under Chiang Kang-nai yesterday attacked Walchow, and General Hsu King-tong's commanders Jelegated representatives to visit headquarters and discuss terms of surrender.

A report which has since arrived saying that Walchow was captured yesterday at 4 p.m. is confirmed.—Canton Publicity Bureau.

While the pro-Kwangtung troops on the East River at Sheklung and Walchow continue to retreat further towards Swatow, it is understood that yesterday afternoon the Canton troops under General Tsai Ting-kai captured Walchow without serious opposition.

It is reliably learned that it is the intention of the Canton (Continued on Page 8.)

tissues of the mouth, nose and lungs, causing the victims to bleed profusely from eyes, nose and mouth.

Emergency calls have been sent out all over the State of Ohio for every available tank of oxygen, which is the only remedy.

Scenes after the explosion are almost too ghastly to describe. The patients screamed with fright as they saw the deadly gas slowly creeping up to them as they lay in bed helpless.—Reuter's American Service.

Two victims of the hospital disaster have died of their injuries. The death-roll is now 93.—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI COURTS OF JUSTICE.

### NANKING TRYING TO END THE PROVISIONAL COURT.

### LEGAL OPPOSITION.

Shanghai, May 15.  
The foreign legal associations in Shanghai, led by the Americans and the British, regard with the most acute concern the present endeavour by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nanking to induce the Powers to agree to the conversion of the Shanghai Provisional Court into a purely Chinese tribunal.

The move from Nanking is regarded seriously in foreign circles in Shanghai, and it is the general view that sheer chaos would prevail if the Powers accept the Chinese view.

Crime in the Settlement is worse to-day than ever before, and it is alleged that the manner in which the Provisional Court is run is partly responsible for this state of affairs.

It is understood that the Bar Associations are planning to take joint action in opposition to the Nanking contentions that a Chinese tribunal could and would administer justice adequately.

The Bar Associations make the charge that the Provisional Court has not lived up to the expectations and pledges given a year ago.

### THE MOTOR TAXATION QUESTION.

Committee's Proposals Not Yet Accepted.

### OPINIONS INVITED.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, in answer to questions by Mr. J. P. Braga, it was announced that the Government does not intend to proceed immediately with legislation on the lines of the recommendations of the Committee appointed to advise on the taxation of motor vehicles. It was further stated that the Government is prepared to receive representations on the subject from interested parties.

when the Rendition Agreement was drawn up and the Provisional Court supplanted the Mixed Court.—Our Own Correspondent.

### WHEN SINCLAIR COMES OUT OF GAOL.

### RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF OIL CORPORATION.

New York, May 15.  
Mr. Harry Sinclair, who is now serving the term of imprisonment to which he was sentenced for contempt of Court, arising out of the Teapot Dome scandal, was today re-elected chairman of the Consolidated Oil Corporation.—Reuter's American Service.

### PRINCE GEORGE IN EDINBURGH.

### OPENS NEW UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT.

London, May 15.  
H.R.H. Prince George visited Edinburgh to-day to open the new Department of Zoology at Edinburgh University.

Afterwards, the Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him.—British Wire- less.

### GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF PHILIPPINES.

### MR. DWIGHT DAVIS OFFERED APPOINTMENT.

Washington, May 15.  
Mr. Dwight F. Davis, who was Secretary for War in the Coolidge Cabinet, has been offered the post of Governor-General of the Philippines. Mr. Davis has not yet decided whether he will accept.—Reuter's American Service.

## CHINESE MYSTERY CRUISERS.

### YING SWEI & HAI YUNG ARRIVE HERE.

### DENIAL OF INTENTION TO HELP CANTON.

### AWAITING ORDERS.

The Ying Swei and the Hai Yung, two Chinese cruisers flying the Nationalist flag, arrived here late yesterday afternoon from Shanghai, their appearance in port being not altogether unexpected in view of recent developments at Canton.

With a view to discovering the mission of the Squadron, which is under the command of Rear-Admiral H. Y. Chen, a representative of the Telegraph last night paid a call on the Ying Swei, the smaller of the two vessels, which is being utilised as the flagship of the Squadron, only to be blandly informed that the cruisers were being engaged on a training cruise.

The presence of 28 cadets on board was pointed to as corroboration of the statement.

### One a Training Ship.

A reference to the "China Year Book" confirms the use to which the Ying Swei has been put as a training ship, but it does not establish a similar role for the Hai Yung. The latter, as one of the Hai class of cruisers, constitutes an important unit of the First Nationalist Squadron, and the fact that such a formidable craft should accompany the Ying Swei on the present trip, in such momentous times as these, naturally arouses some suspicion.

Ushered into the Rear-Admiral's stateroom, the pressman put a definite question on this point to a Commander, an alert-looking officer, who looks very young for his rank.

### Here for a Week.

He replied:—"We are staying here for a week or so, during which time we shall wait for instructions from the Admiralty at Shanghai."

"But are you not going to Canton? What of the report of naval reinforcements sent by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek for the campaign by Kwangtung against Kwangsi?"

The Commander denied that a cruise to Canton was within their immediate view. He further deprecated the report of their bringing troops to help the Cantonese.

"Nor escorting any troops?"

"Not one."

"Personal Friends."

A group of personalities dressed in long coats at this moment whisked past on their way to the accommodation ladder, inclining their heads in acknowledgment of the respectful salutes accorded them by the officers.

"Important officials? Delegates from Canton paying you a call?"

"Well, no. Just personal friends," the Commander replied.

Aboard the flagship there reigned an atmosphere of tense expectancy. Officers were striding restlessly to-and-fro, keeping always near the gang-ladder, as if expecting the arrival of important visitors.

It appears from a statement later communicated by the Commander, that news had been received that two warships up at Canton still proved recalcitrant.

### News Wanted.

The arrival of the Press representatives created quite a stir on board, and a request was made for news of the war situation, but it must be "red-hot news," the officers stipulated.

The pressmen gave them what they knew of the situation on the West River and at Samshui, and later left, being politely seen to the side of the ship.

## BANK & YEO TRIAL.

### MR. POTTER COMMENTS ON INTEREST TAKEN.

### FOUR "VITAL" POINTS SUBMITTED IN FINAL SPEECH.

## TSANG NO CRIMINAL.

The momentous importance of the issues to Mr. Messer and to Mr. Black, whose very honesty, he said, had been called into question, was stressed by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., when he addressed the jury this morning on behalf of the Government in the action being brought against the Hongkong Bank for re-crediting of the sums involved in the Treasury frauds.

Mr. Potter also made a passing reference to the great interest taken by the bank, rightly or wrongly, in the trial of Carvalho Yeo, to the extent that the handwriting expert retained by the Bank, gave evidence in Yeo's defence.

Referring to a disputed telephone conversation between Mr. Grayburn and Mr. Messer, which the former denied, Mr. Potter said that if a man could work himself into the mental attitude of believing he had such a conversation, he might not be dangerous, "but I think someone ought to keep an eye on him."

## GOVERNMENT CONCEALS NOTHING.

Mr. Potter opened his address by congratulating the Special Jury on the patience it had displayed in listening to his cross-examination and said he hoped for further patience while he made his final address to them on behalf of the Hongkong Government.

The jury, he thought, would recognise the momentous importance of the case to the Hon. Mr. Messer and Mr. Black. The importance was such that it needed no comment. He had to refer to the fact, however, as it seemed to him that after listening to the final speech for the defence the very honesty of those two witnesses had been called into question.

In connection with the case, a great deal had been said about the Government. Its name had been freely bandied about, but the jury would, of course, pay no attention to things which it might have heard. When the Yeo case was coming up for trial, it was obvious to the Government that the Hongkong Bank, rightly or wrongly, was taking a very great interest in that case, so much so that the expert retained by the Bank gave evidence for the defence.

### Every Facility.

At that time, there was no mention of any possible action by the Government against the Bank. The Government, however, placed at the disposal of Professor Shell-shear every cheque he desired to ask for, for the purpose of establishing the defence. Yeo was brought down from Shanghai and stood his trial, counsel appearing for him was granted facilities to examine any vouchers he wanted, and more no Government could do.

Mr. Potter submitted that the three main issues in the present case were whether the cheques were forged or not, the alleged participation by Tsang On-wing, and, thirdly, the question of whether Tsang and Cheung knew of the cheque being fraudulently taken out of the books at the time.

### Four Vital Points.

Counsel said that at the outset he wanted to impress upon the jury four outstanding facts of the case—facts which went to the root of the case. There was the theft of the sixty cheques, and it was admitted the three disputed cheques were on three of those forms.

Could the jury imagine a stronger piece of circumstantial evidence than that? Was there any explanation other than forgery? Surely, if Tsang was in the swindle, this was all a waste of time.

Mr. Potter quoted the numbers on the three disputed cheques and also that on the Sang Cheung cheque and showed that the numbers were not consecutive. They knew that the cheques were in the books in threes.

If Tsang On-wing had set down to write the bodies of those three cheques, having stolen them for some reason which counsel could

been described as a brilliant analysis and counsel was inclined to agree with that description. He did not want to detract from the brilliance of that speech, but it was a fact that it left the four points untouched.

Mr. Jenkin had spoken of Tsang's silence and had described it as the silence of the tomb. He, Mr. Potter, would not put forward another adjective to describe his learned friend's silence on those four points.

Counsel had left them untouched and had not attempted to reconcile them with his case.

### Presumption of Forgery.

Continuing Mr. Potter put it to the jury that the mere fact that the three disputed cheques were on stolen forms would in itself be a presumption of forgery.

It was an amazing position that counsel for the defence had left that alone. He apparently could not devise a single answer to it which would fit in with the genuineness of the cheques. The point was put to Professor Shell-shear and he, too, was unable to provide an answer.

That fact, said Mr. Potter, was the start of the case for the Government, and he was going to submit that it was a case proved by overwhelming evidence.

He asked why, if Tsang On-wing was in the swindle, were the cheque forms stolen. He suggested they were stolen for one purpose only—to forge the signatures of Mr. Black and Mr. Messer. He could find no other answer. He had thought over it, worried over it and still asked why, if Tsang was a criminal, he should steal the cheques.

### Circumstantial Evidence.

The case for the defence was that Tsang's writing appeared on the body of the three cheques and that he had presumably tricked Mr. Messer and Mr. Black into signing them. Thirty cheques were stolen from the November book for the purpose of forgery, he submitted. Thirty cheques were also stolen from the December cheque book and it was admitted that the three disputed cheques were on three of those forms.

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**KAI TACK DEATHS.**

**THE CONDITION OF THE  
AERODROME.**

The statement that certain parts of the Kai Tack Aerodrome were unfit for landing, which Flight Lieut. Pearce made at the Coroner's inquest into the circumstances of the deaths of the three Chinese who were killed near the aerodrome recently, was fully explained by the witness when the inquiry was resumed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The deaths of the three unfortunate men are being investigated by the Coroner with the assistance of a jury composed of Messrs. L. Yates (foreman), G. B. Wicheil and A. M. da Silva.

At the outset the Coroner intimated that he intended to recall Flight Lieut. Pearce to answer certain questions relative to landing. Mr. Whyte Smith also said that he thought Flight Lieut. Pearce might give some evidence with regard to the question as to whether the aerodrome was suitable for landing or not. Some evidence had been given the previous day, but the Coroner did not think the matter had been very exhaustively dealt with then.

When Flight Lieut. Pearce was recalled, the Coroner reminded him that he had made a statement to the effect that certain parts of the aerodrome were not fit for landing.

Witness replied that the parts he had referred to were portions of the aerodrome which were being reclaimed, and as at present were unfit for landing. Witness said that he wished to make his reply clearer by adding that the parts he described as being unfit were not actually a part of the aerodrome.

The Coroner: Is the part that's suitable for landing, in your opinion, adequate?

Witness: Yes. I should say it is not a good aerodrome, but it is adequate.

**The Landing Speed.**

Answering a question as to what speed an aeroplane travelled in landing, witness said that with the type of plane that Lieut. Watson was piloting it would approach the landing stage at about 70 miles an hour, and just prior to touching ground the speed would be from 55 to 60 miles an hour.

To cover a distance of 600 yards, witness said that the plane would occupy about ten seconds.

A plane would travel about 300 or 400 yards before stopping if there was a complete absence of wind. The pilot, continued witness, would have to make up his mind in about two seconds if he wanted to change his plans.

Sergeant Kent, who was a passenger in Lieut. Watson's machine gave corroborative evidence of the disaster. He added that when the wheels of the plane touched the ground the machine was about 200 yards from the fence. The landing was very fast, the plane travelling at about 40 to 45 miles an hour owing to the absence of any wind.

No sooner had the machine touched the ground than the pilot opened up the throttle and was about to take off again when the plane hit the top of the fence and then the machine. It was only a few seconds from the time the plane touched ground to the time it struck the fence, and a matter of a fraction of a second later before it hit the shed.

Replying to the jury witness said that it was after the plane had struck the ground that its speed was about 40 to 45 miles an hour. Witness did not consider the speed too fast to effect a proper landing.

Asked what his theory of the accident was, witness replied that the pilot had attempted to land

**A SECRET VISIT.**

**CHARGE AGAINST DISTILLERY  
EMPLOYEES.**

The *see-foo*, or skilled worker, and two other employees of the Yue Loong native distillery at Aberdeen, appeared, on remand, before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, charged with having been concerned in a process of secret distillation, by which some 40 gallons of molasses mash were set to ferment, without the knowledge of the Revenue authorities or the amount being recorded in the book provided for the purpose.

The case arose from a secret visit paid by a Revenue officer to the Distillery on the early morning of May 4, it being alleged that the defendants were surprised in the act of secretly distilling off some of the molasses.

His Worship remanded the case until Tuesday.

An application for a reduction of bail was made by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, who was instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall to appear for the defence.

Mr. H. A. Taylor who appeared for the prosecution, having raised no objection, bail was reduced in the case of the two *see-foos* to \$100 each. That for the *see-foo* was allowed to stand at \$500.

but found he was "over-shooting" and attempted to get up again.

Addressing the jury at the conclusion of Sergeant Kent's evidence the Coroner said that he did not propose to ask any more Air Force officers to give evidence. Squadron Leader Keeble was present in Court, and if there were any questions the jury wished to put, the Squadron Leader would reply.

**Pilot Recalled.**

On the request of the jury, Lieut. Watson was recalled to indicate on a map of the aerodrome, which was produced by Squadron Leader Keeble, the course he had taken.

When asked whether he had received instructions to make a quick landing on account of the intensity of the hour, witness replied that he had received none.

Mr. P. E. Lawrence, of the Public Works Department, was then called. He said that he was standing near the fence at the junction of Sai Kung Road and the path leading to the golf course. He saw the first plane land, and then noticed the second descend. Witness heard the engine accelerated just after the wheels touched the ground, and he realised that the pilot was attempting to rise again. The machine ran towards the boundary fence. Crashing through it flew across the road into the marshed.

Witness assisted in the removal of two Chinese who were knocked down. Both men were standing near the fence and did not seem to realise the danger. Witness, together with Mr. A. J. Bralley and Mr. W. M. Groves, ran at right angles to the line which the plane was taking.

The Coroner: You say you got out of the way because you realised the pilot was accelerating to attempt to rise again? Did the fact that he intended to rise again alarm you?

Witness: I realised that the distance was a bit close for rising in time.

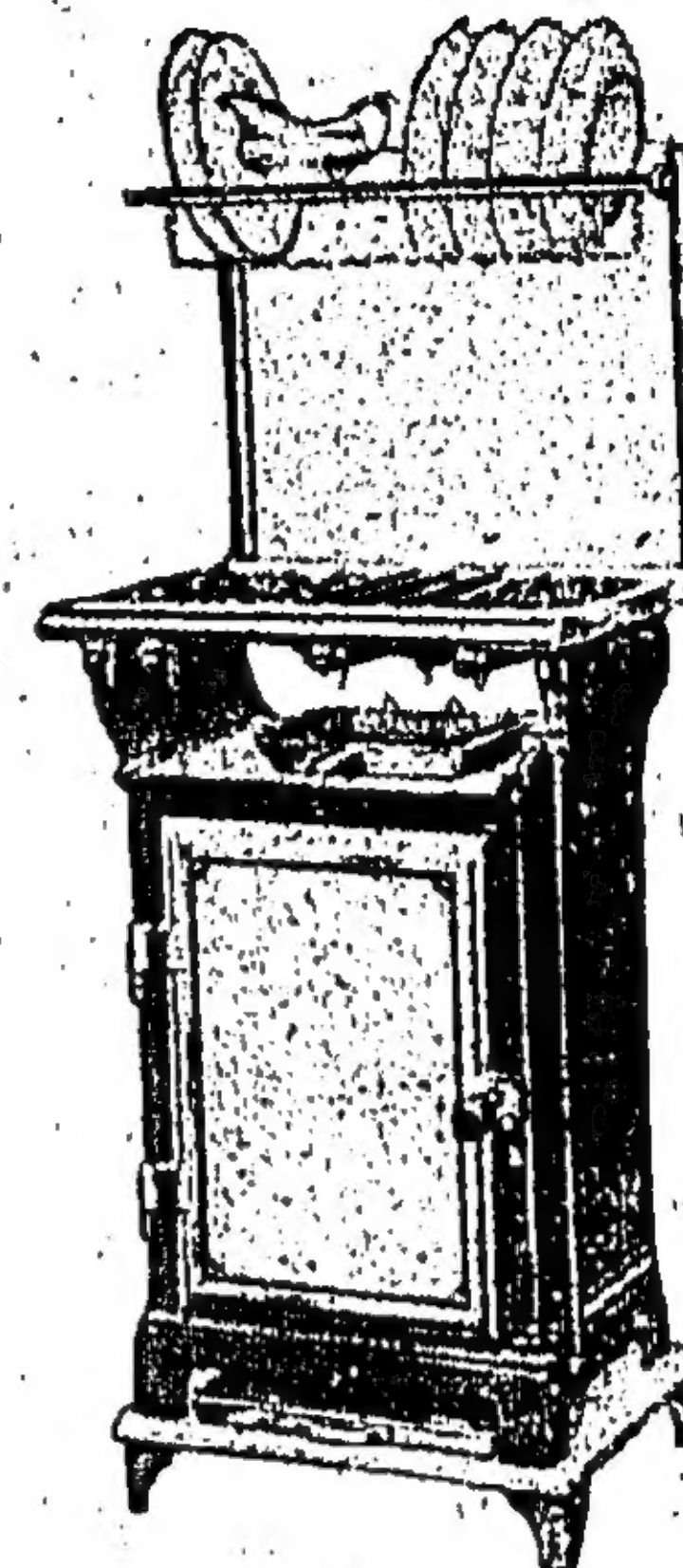
Mr. A. J. Bralley, corroborated Mr. Lawrence, after which evidence of identification of the bodies of the three victims was given by relatives and Inspector Phillips.

Before rising, the Coroner intimated to the jury that they should consider if they wished to ask Squadron Leader Keeble any questions and if necessary he would be called this afternoon. He also informed the jury that they should tell him if they desired any other witness called.

The inquiry was then adjourned until this afternoon.

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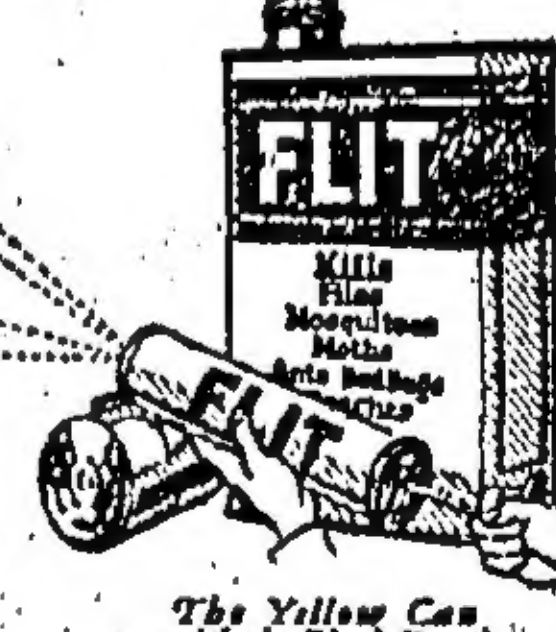
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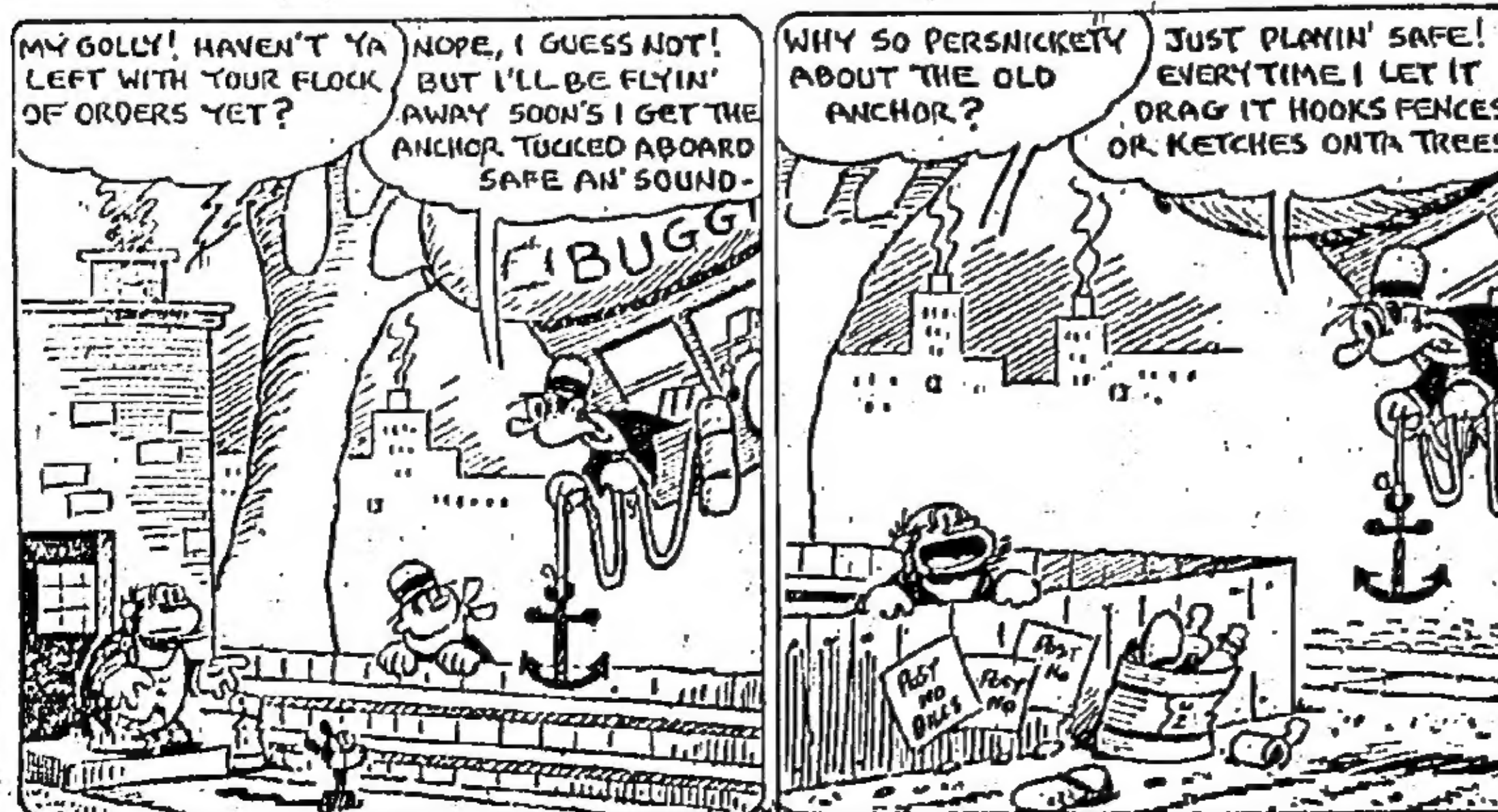
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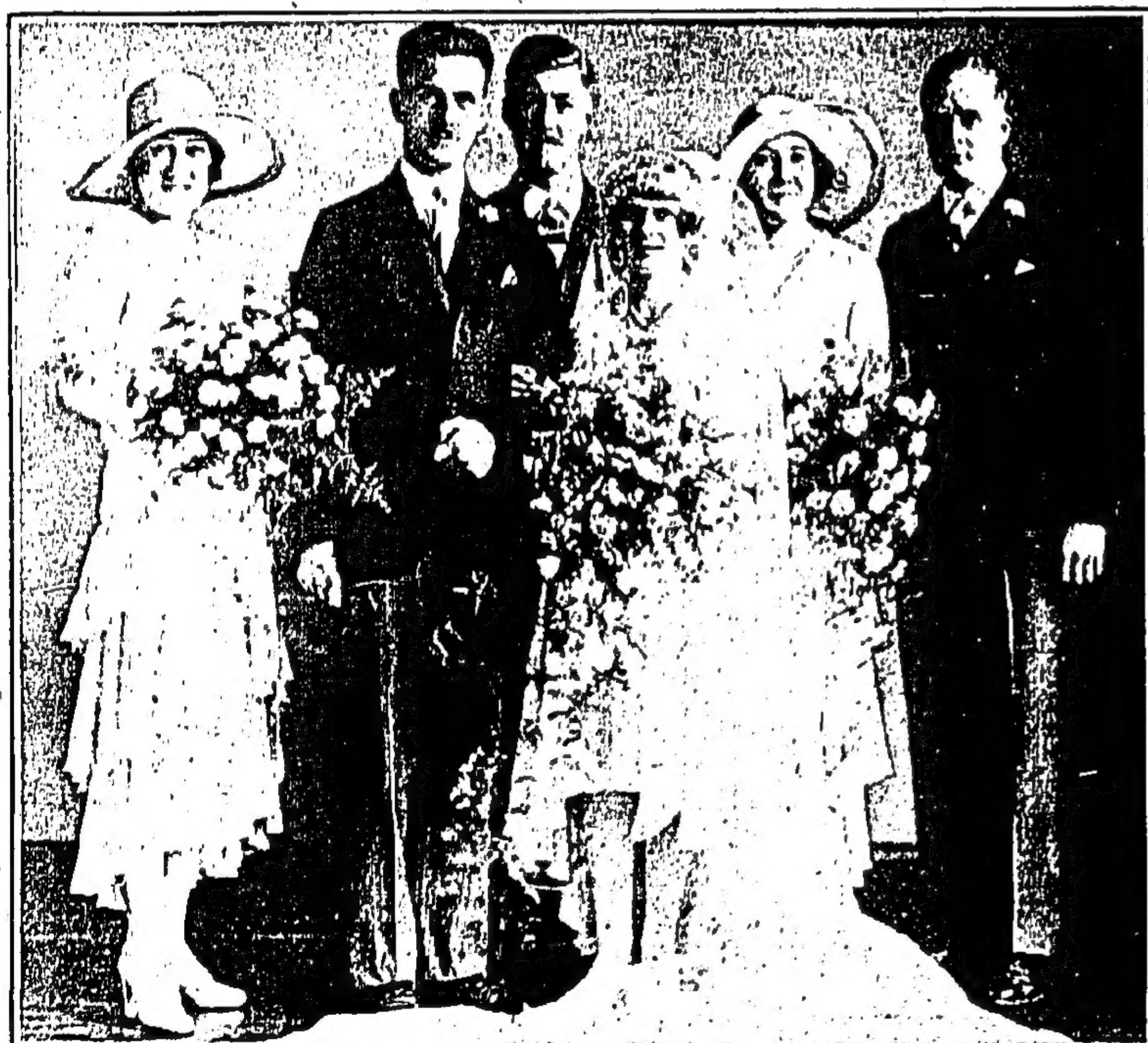
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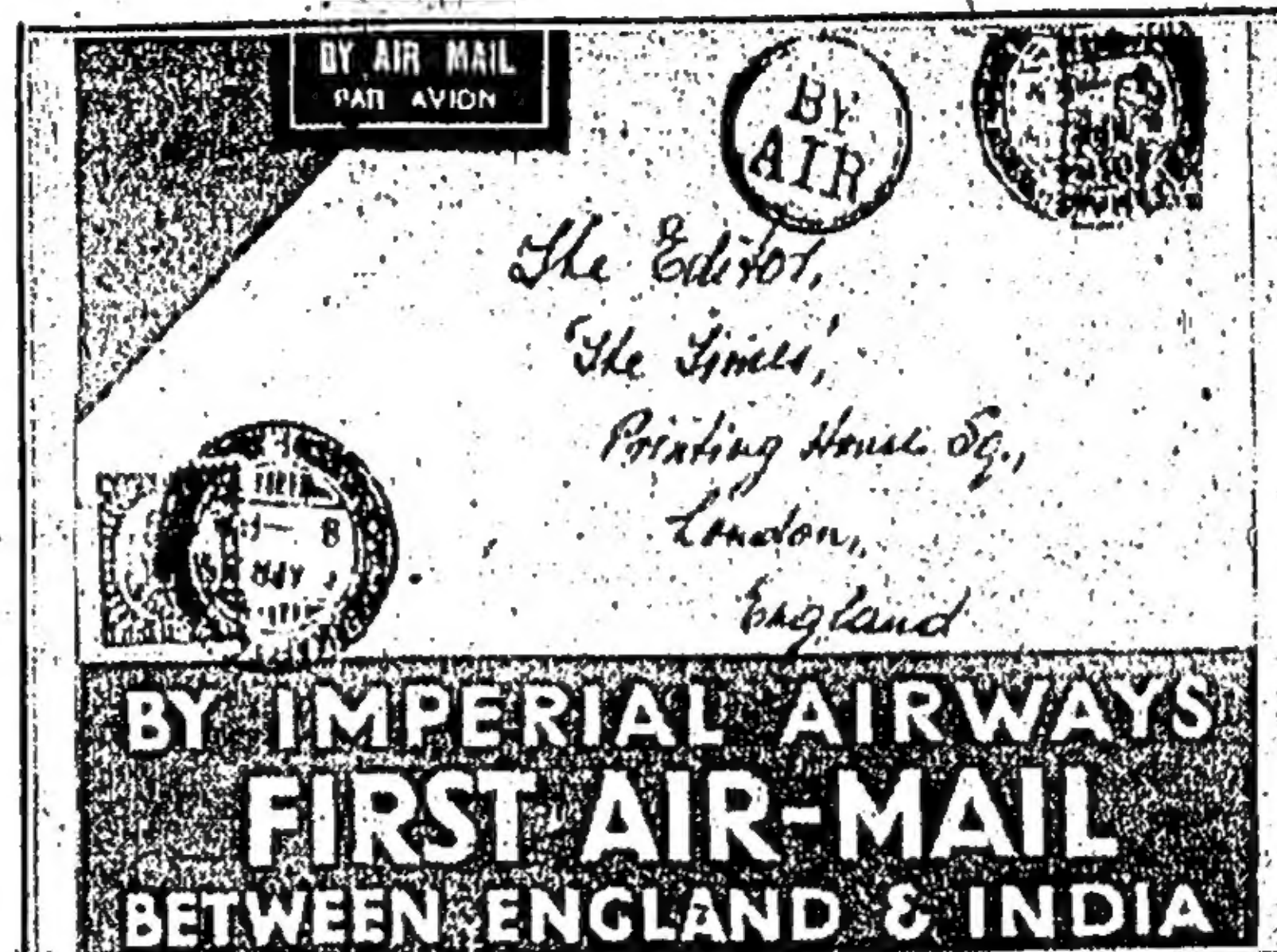
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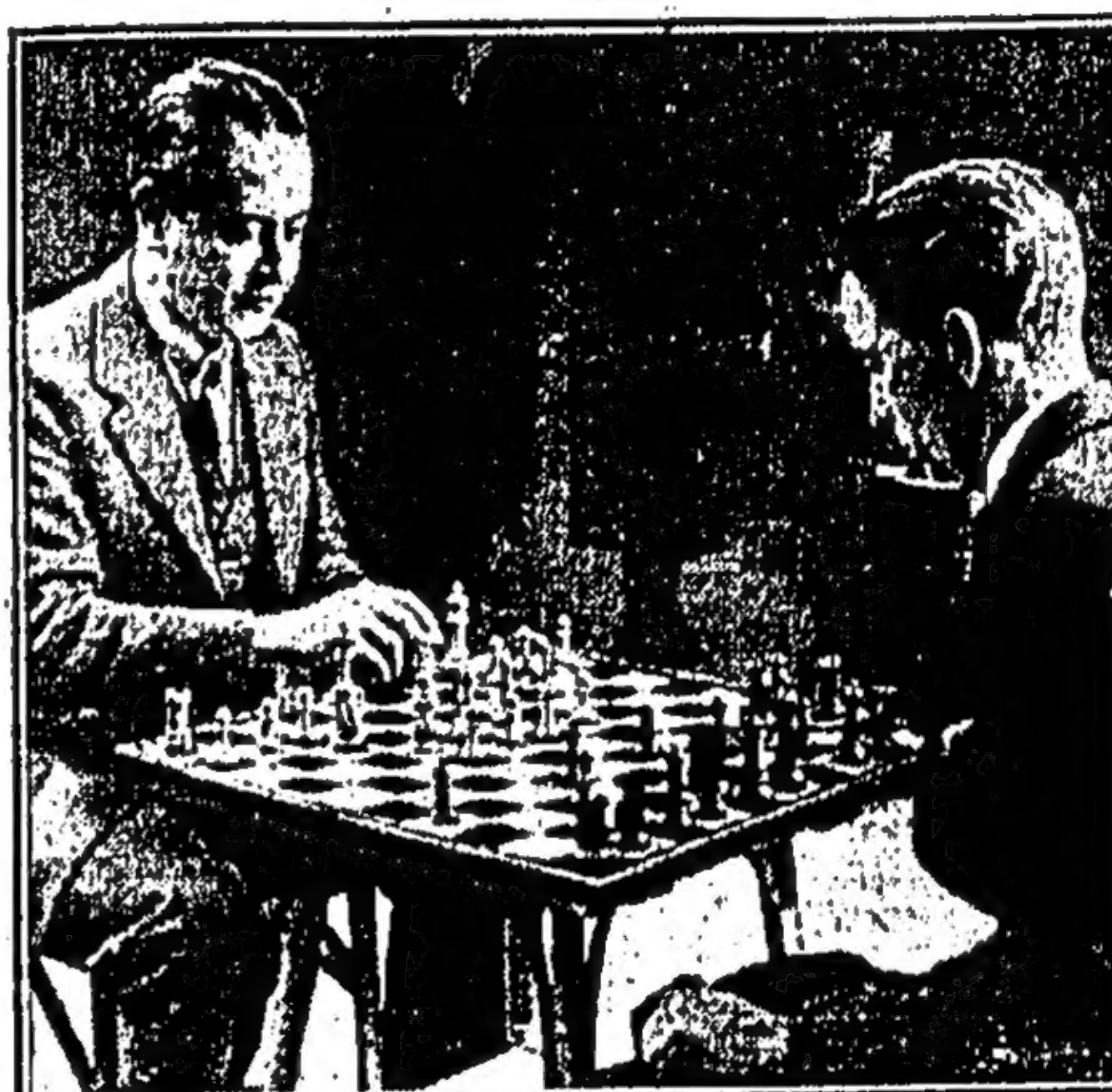
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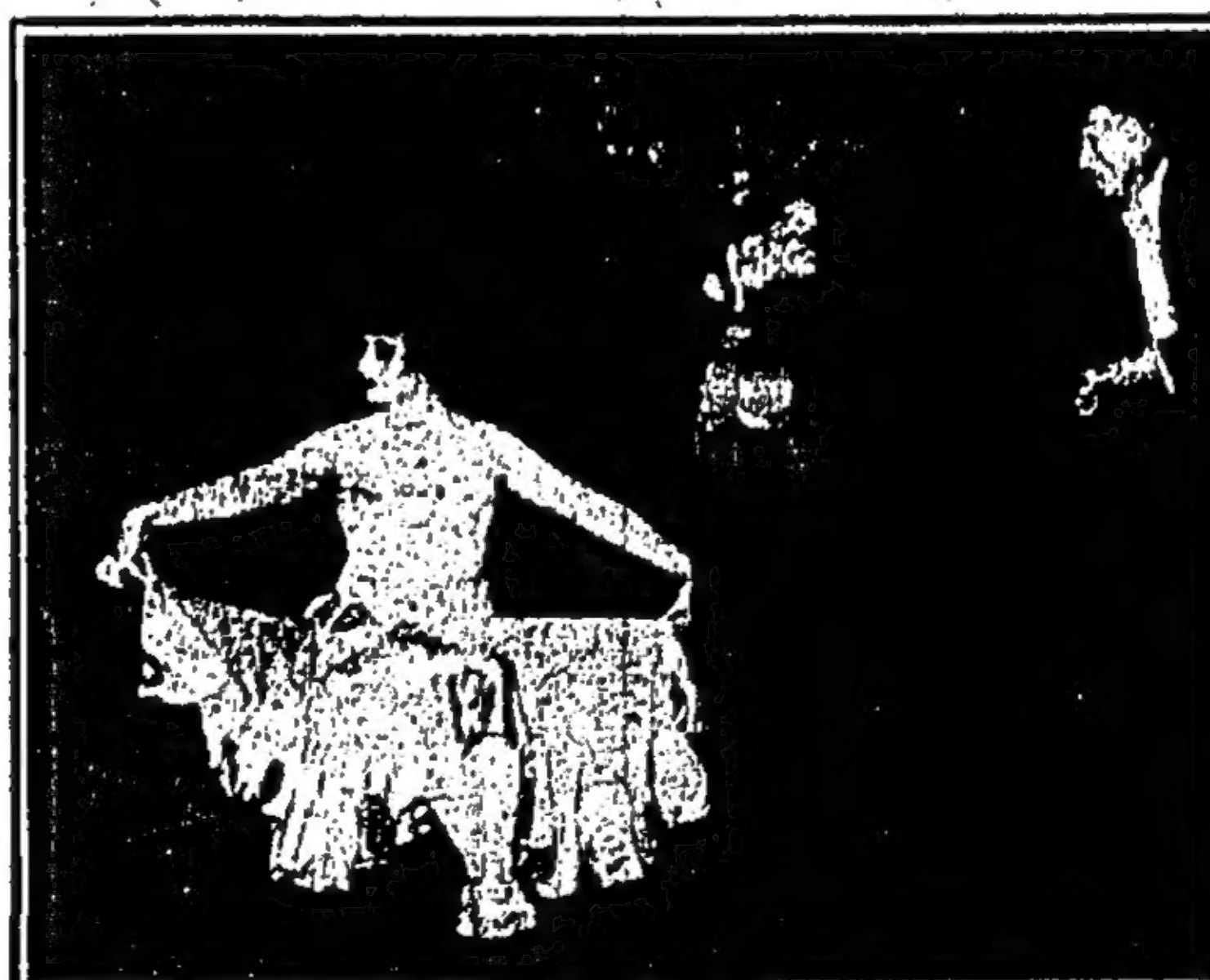
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Black trunks are evidently to be first favourites, combined with amazing variety of colour and design on the bodice, though the all-black or all-navy swimmers have not been forgotten, since so many public swimming bath authorities prohibit coloured or light-top costumes. Skirted models are not so much seen, though the one-piece models with jumper tops are pleasing, if only for the variety they afford.

#### Decorative Suits for Boys.

Harlequin inspires a model suit that should make a bright splash of colour on many a bathing beach this summer. Brilliant diamonds of red and yellow on the bodice are used as a contrast to the black trunks, while about the hips is fastened a white belt. Two other smart suits show diagonal stripes with great effect. A sage-blue swimmer is so striped on the skirt in beige and green, and finished with a beige belt, and yet another style has a top that is striped diagonally in three shades of blue. Even trunks for



Fresh and youthful is a peach blossom print against a white background in a taffeta frock that uses enormously full circular panels on one side, topped by a pert bow.

small boys are decorative, and any young man of five or six summers would be delighted with trunks in white wool, decorated on the left leg with a monogram and upheld by braces of green.

#### Trim Designs.

Models with cutaway backs are invariably of German origin, for in Germany sun-bathing has become almost a religion. The U shape is preferable to the deep V, since a larger and wider area of back is browned, and therefore when the wearer gets into evening dress she is less likely to show an ugly dividing line between the sun-browned and the unburned skin. On a slim girl these suits are quite trim and modest, for the yarm of which they are made is of an unstretchable variety, and the suit therefore stays snugly arranged. A typical German suit is made in beige and dark red, the latter colour for the trunks. At the lowest point of the U back is a black star, the lowest point of which in turn meets the white belt.

#### Accessories.

Of course, the bathing-cap is the most important of accessories. Sea water is not good for the hair, and in any case leaves all but the naturally curly-headed looking damp frights. So it is most important that caps should be really watertight. Several improvements have been made in this direction. The most efficient, probably, is the perfectly plain cap fitted with a soft but nevertheless solid rim of rubber which closely holds the face and the nape of the neck. It is quite comfortable in wear, and will keep out the most boisterous waves. Marcel waves need more than a cap to keep them perfectly set, for one is apt to drag them out of place in removing a bathing cap. For this purpose a rubber meshed bathing net has been introduced for wear under an ordinary cap or helmet. Those who sport caps altogether will probably welcome this net as a means of keeping their hair out of their eyes. Another novelty is in the form of rubber with a special tinsel finish. This makes very gay and original caps, and is also

#### Fashion Notes.

##### THE NEW SUMMER FABRICS.

The fabrics which go to make the new models may be counted as half the style.

The most notable characteristics of most of the modern fabrics is suppleness. Fabrics which fall as straight as Newton's apple are necessary to the typical modern line. There are, it is true, some stiff satins, some failles, some taffetas, some organdies, which offer crispness of quality, lending itself to the bouffant style of gown, but the typical line of modern fashion is the vertical. Modern fabrics are woven, dyed, finished, and patterned with the vertical line in view.

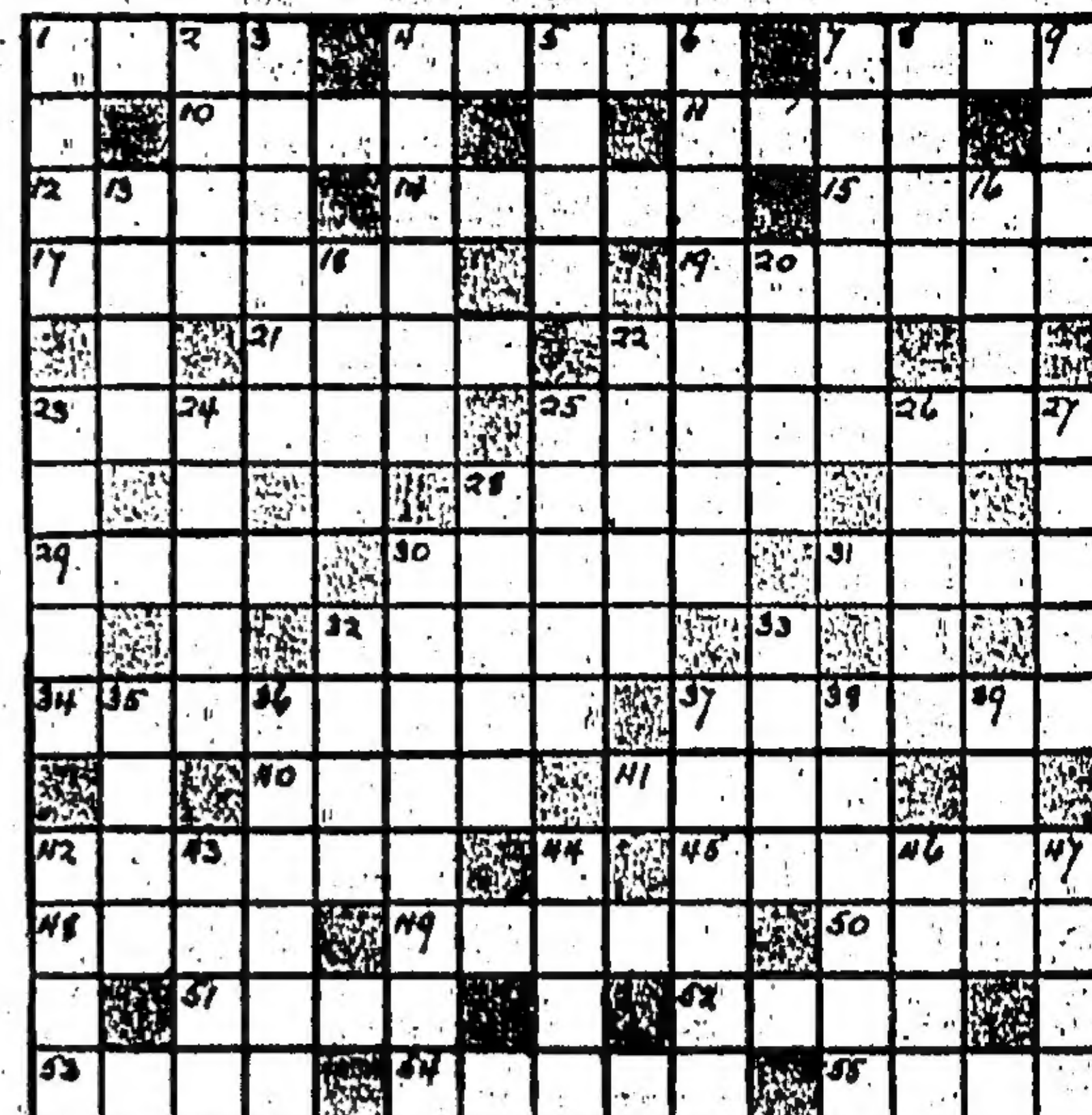
Generally speaking, the textures of the smart summer fabrics are either very dull or very shiny. They represent the dual tendency of the mode. For the sports mode we use the dull-faced fabrics. For afternoon-dressing and for evening wear, the glossy surfaces are those preferred.

The shiny surface fabrics reflect light and throw shadows stressing the roundness of the figure. With their vivid contrast of light and shade they bring out the lines of drapery, they pick out every curve of the figure, and in the lines of a gown, and make them gleam.

made up in sets, consisting of cap, belt and shoes.

Shoes, by the way, have been improved to the extent that the manufacturers now claim to have designed a rubber shoe that positively will not come off in the sand. Moreover, these bathing sandals are also pebble-proof and never get soggy. Rubber is also used for the newest bathing wraps, which are fashioned as three-quarter coats with Raglan sleeves. They are rainbow-hued, and certainly cheery and becoming, though whether they are as comfortable as a cape or coat of terry towelling one very much doubts.

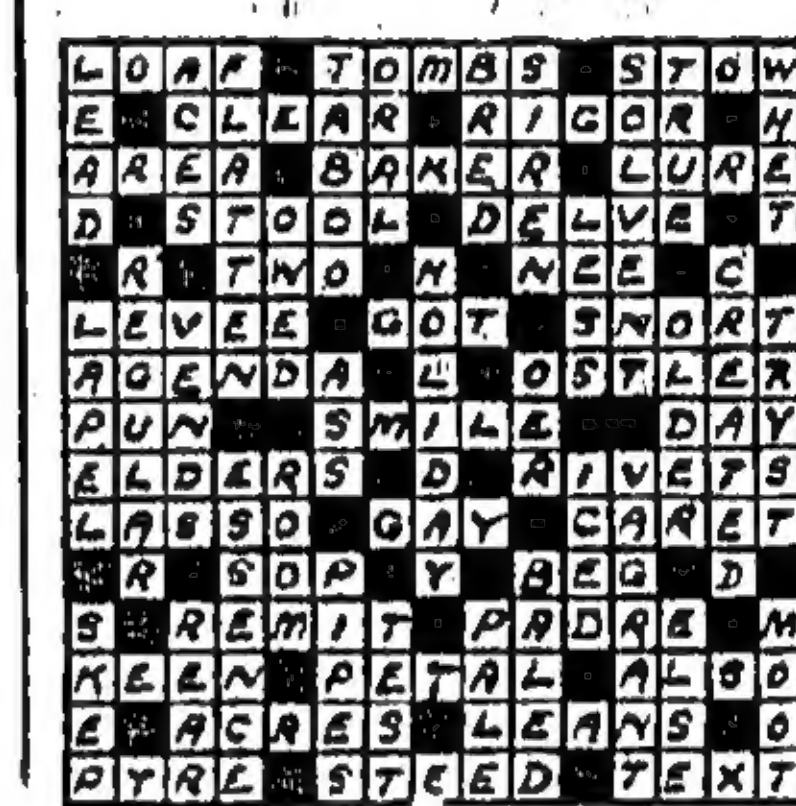
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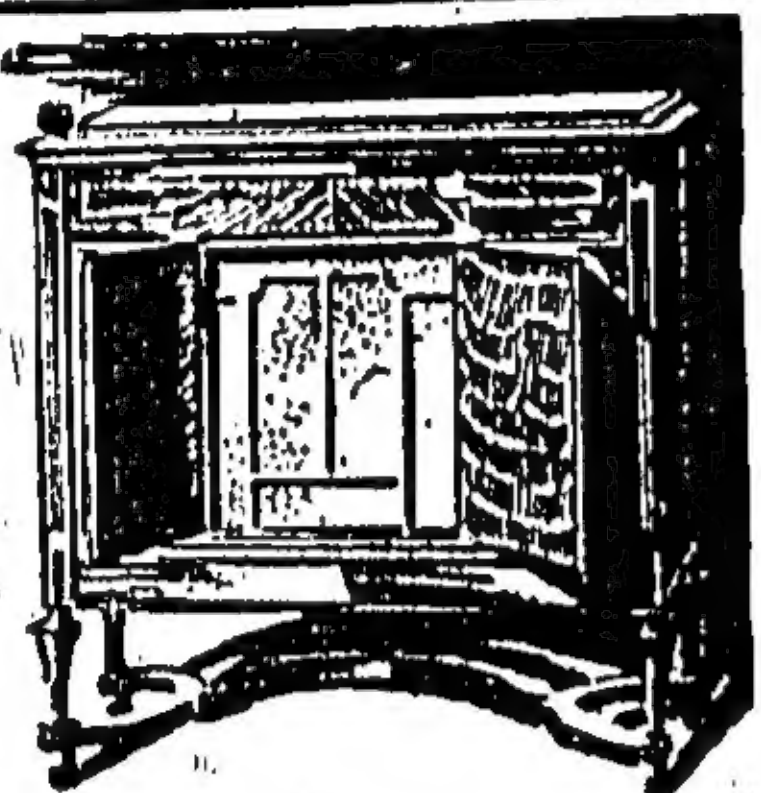


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The  
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THURSDAY MAY 16, 1929

### PLAYING FIELDS.

The Colony is getting quite used to the idea of having its problems investigated by specially-appointed Committees. It was only the other day that the public was regaled with the proposals of the Committee which set to consider the question of motor taxation; and yesterday saw the issuing of the Report of the Commission on the river steamer problem. But if these two bodies have concluded their labours, there is still work ahead for other Committees, the personnel of two of which has been made known this week. One of these bodies is to deal with the proposed amendment of the Stamp Ordinance, whilst the other will take in hand the question of the provision of playing fields. In both instances, the Committees have been extremely well chosen, and the recommendations on the one problem as on the other will have behind them the valuable opinions of men well qualified to deal with the issues involved.

At the moment, we intend confining ourselves to the playing ground question. The Committee appointed to deal with this matter is to review the position at present existing and to consider what provision is required for the future. It will take within its purview the whole Colony, and besides Government officials and members of Council its personnel includes representatives of various sporting clubs, as well as naval and military officers. These facts are sufficient to show that every aspect of the problem is to be probed. The necessity for a complete review of the present situation and of future possibilities is beyond question. As the Colony has expanded, very little account has been taken of this question of providing adequate facilities for outdoor recreation, and the matter has become of increasing urgency in view of the growing popularity of all forms of sport amongst the Chinese community. Time was, and not many years ago, either, when the bulk of the population cared little or nothing for outdoor recreation. That is all changed

now, and so much the better for the health of the rising generation. But the fact remains that for the great majority there is still a woeful lack of playing fields, with the result that the interest of thousands is of necessity confined to seeing others play while they themselves look on. Then, apart altogether from the question of organised sport, there are practically no areas where children can go and enjoy the advantages of outdoor exercise in their own way—we mean, public recreation grounds, of the type common to even the smallest cities in other parts of the world. As a consequence, thousands of the Colony's kiddies are forced on to the streets or on to odd patches of waste ground in their search for spots where they can enjoy the benefits of games in the open air.

Unfortunately, these deficiencies have been discovered rather late in the day, at least so far as the island and nearby spots on the mainland are concerned. Most, if not all, of the central areas have been built upon, with the result that the Colony is practically without "lungs" to-day. That will make the task of the Committee none too easy, and it will probably be found advisable to revise existing arrangements under which most of the areas within convenient reach have been alienated from public use by being specifically allotted to various interests. The problem admittedly bristles with difficulties, but it must be faced. We trust that the Committee will be bold and courageous in its recommendations.

### River Steamer Abuses.

No-one familiar with the waterfront and river shipping will be surprised by the somewhat severe criticisms, contained in the Report of the River Steamers Commission, of the conditions under which some of these boats are run. Equally, it is well understood that there are other steamers against which the Commission has no possible complaint. Those engaged in the inquiry were chiefly concerned with the smaller type of vessel under Chinese ownership and management running to and from the way places on the West River, and regarding these, a very powerful case is made out for radical improvement. The Report deals exhaustively with the present position and the difficulties involved, and if the recommendations are meagre it is because of the almost unique circumstances. To find a remedy, it is said, is clearly no easy matter since neither the owners nor the masters can be expected to co-operate. The relations between masters and their owners, it is shown, is the matter of greatest moment, and of all things coming within the Committee's terms of reference, this is the least easily amenable to control. It is obviously impossible to obtain direct evidence that deck officers fallen on hard times are refunding part of the stipulated salary in order to get and keep their employment, and it is still more difficult to prove that, under the same pressure, these masters are prepared to countenance irregularities demanded by their owners. The net effect of these considerations, which have not grown up in a day, is that in many cases, neither the ship nor the officers in charge are near the standard which should be expected under British registry. The Commission propose to deal with this problem partially, in the first place by the abolition of the unsatisfactory River Trade certificates; and secondly, by amending the Hongkong regulations affecting the measurements for passenger accommodation to bring them more into line with B.O.T. requirements. For the rest, the Committee, more or less, have been unable to find a way out, though it is suggested in Canton might have some effect, while the China Coast Officers' Guild is given a mandate to see what it can do to establish the appointment of men who would insist on equitable terms of employment. The Committee have faced the facts fairly and squarely, and are to be congratulated on their treatment of the task.

### MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

George Gershwin's Piano Concerto—Has "Classical Jazz" a future?—The Sonata Dispute.

[By "Allegro"]

Is there a musical future for the type of jazz playing which is evidenced by George Gershwin's Piano Concerto with Jazz orchestra? (Col. Records 7170/2m. Paul Whiteman's orchestra). Most people are familiar with that composer's Rhapsody in Blue for piano and orchestra; it has enjoyed a great deal of popularity. But Gershwin's has gone beyond that in his first piano concertos. It is in three movements and differs from ordinary concertos in that it consists entirely of jazz rhythms, three or four sometimes running simultaneously, accompanied by a great number of unpleasant discords and played, of course, largely by saxophones, trumpets, timpani, drums, etc. The annotated notes state that Gershwin (part composer of "Funny Face," "Will-o-the-Whisper," etc.) has the happy knack of extracting every possible ounce out of a subject. Now that is just what he has not got. He seems to be getting pretty near to a tune and then goes off at a tangent leading to nowhere in particular, after which he plays about with another theme. I must say the work is exhilarating and I have listened to it six times to see whether it grows on one or palls. My judgment is still in suspense. Meanwhile here are two diverse opinions on the work, and I test readers think that a great deal of space is being devoted to one doubtful composition, it should be remembered that a great deal more of this sort of thing is going to be turned out and we shall have to make up our minds about it sooner or later.

The first comment is an adverse one, taken from *The Gramophone*:

"This childishly revolutionary passage (in which the left hand repeats a figure consisting of four consecutive chromatic fifths) is no more exciting or full of meaning than the rest of this dreary piece. The plain truth is that Gershwin has not got it in him to make big music, and won't be content to make small; and that this is true of a lot of the little people who are running about nowadays, taking the name of rhythm in vain, and showing for a brief place in the sun of popularity, knowing that if they present something that Society will label 'too awfully quaint' and 'just adorably weird,' they have attained their objects. Someone may answer that these people are doing their best, and honestly believe in what they write. No one denies it; but if what they write is largely futile, they must be told so; and no amount of Society applause should have any effect on music-lovers who want music that goes somewhere and means something. Let me say once again that I welcome humorous, light, witty music as warmly as solid stuff; but the light music must be well made, by real musicians, and justify itself on musical grounds as well as on those of humour, quaintness and wit. It is so easy to blur issues to-day: advertising, stunts, the quick 'moley-getter' enter into the art world or try to. It is for those who have a clear comprehension of what constitutes quality in all kinds of music, light or solid, to see to it that cheap, poor stuff does not get a hold under any pretext. If people want to write little, trivial pieces, let them do so, and let the music be known as little and trivial, suited for an idle hour, but to label a work 'Concerto,' and spread oneself on six sides in this way, does not make big music, in any sense of the word. Let Mr. Gershwin stick to his pretty little dance numbers, and leave concertos to such as have building power, and something to say."

Listen now to what Beverley Nichols has to say about him in his book of pen-pictures "Are they the same at home?" "I am going to begin right in the middle because until I have made George Gershwin play you his first piano concerto you will probably regard him (as do most of our half-baked critics) as a mere pedlar of common tunes, like his 'Swanee' and 'Lady, Be Good.' So you must imagine a swarthy young man, seated by a piano in a room in Pall Mall, lifting his fingers and beginning to play. The twilight was fast fading when he sat down, and by the time he had finished it was almost dark. Yet in that brief period I had passed through one of the most singular musical experiences I have known. How can I describe those rhythms of Everybody is acquainted, of course, with the ordinary jazz tricks. Most of them consist in making a tune hiccup. I realized in the first five minutes that Gershwin was going far beyond that in his concerto. It would need a very complicated series of mathematical charts to explain exactly what he was doing

## BRIDGE MADE EASY by W.W. Wentworth

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10).

### 4—Initial No Trump Bids.

At times difficulty is experienced in determining whether to bid a no trump or a suit. The best distribution of cards for a no trump is 4-3-3-3. We have determined that if the hand contains a blank suit, a singleton or a worthless doubleton, it is inadvisable to bid a no trump. A major suit (spades or hearts) always should be given preference to a no trump when holding a sound bid in the major suit. A no trump should be given preference to a minor suit.

In the light of the foregoing, let us examine the following illustrations with a view of determining whether to bid a suit or a no trump.

Spades—X X X; hearts—A K X X; diamonds—X X X. Only two suits are stopped. Bid one heart.

Spades—K J X; hearts—A X X; diamonds—K Q X; clubs—X X X. Three suits stopped. Count 20 points. Bid one no trump.

Spades—A K J X; hearts—A X X; diamonds—K Q X X; clubs—X X. Three suits stopped. Count 31 points. Singleton in clubs. Bid one spade.

Spades—A K J 10 X; hearts—A K J 10; diamonds—A K X; clubs—none. Three suits stopped. Count 37 points. Blank in clubs. Bid one spade.

Spades—X X X; hearts—A Q X; diamonds—A K; clubs—A K Q X X. Three suits stopped. Strong club suit. Count 35 points. Bid one no trump instead of minor suit.

Spades—A K J 10 X; hearts—A K J; diamonds—A; clubs—A X X. All suits stopped. On account of singleton A, give preference to major suit (with 80 honours). Bid one spade.

In bridge, the word "never" is taboo. The proper expression to be used is "hardly ever." The exception to the rule that to bid a no trump only when you have three suits stopped is found in the hands containing four quick tricks missed in two suits, but offering no sound suit bid.

to put it in a non-technical way, he was taking a quantity of strictly opposed rhythms and, by some magic counterpoint of his own, weaving them into a glittering mass which was at once as well ordered as a route march and as drunken as an orgy.

"Yet beautiful. Really beautiful. The visions that this concerto called up before me. As I listened it seemed that the whole of new America was blossoming into beauty before me. . . . When it was all over, I felt that the occasion was one for repeating what Schumann said after hearing Chopin for the first time: 'Hats off, gentlemen—a genius!'"

After the critique on the local composers' concert appeared last week, "Deceitful" wrote to the *Telegraph* labelling as rank musical heresy my remark that in Sonatas the piano part is usually more important than the violin. Perhaps in the Mozart and earlier Beethoven sonatas the violin had a more important part, but when we come nearer to modern times, with the development of fuller harmonic effects on the piano, I regard the piano part as having usually the more significant and probably more difficult part of the two. I can vouch for the fact that this opinion has been shared by violinists and piano professors whom I could name.

Assuming, as "Deceitful" asserts, that the ideal to be aimed at is perfect equality (? of balance and opportunities) in subject matter, the fact remains that while the piano has the *motif* it is difficult to find anything interesting for the violin to do by way of accompaniment; whereas while the violin has the *motif* it is the easy to give the piano something interesting without intruding too much upon the other instrument. On balance, it seems to me, the piano is more important than the other. There must of course be differences of opinion. Is there no significance in the fact that such Sonatas are usually designated "Sonatas for Piano and Violin," not "Violin and Piano?"

Of course, violinists are to be found who think that even in a sonata the pianist should keep himself "well under." They do make good sonata players. Heifetz seems to me one of them. The *Gramophone*, commenting on his latest record of trifles, says: "Heifetz once played sonatas (though with an unsonatically-minded pianist, unfortunately) who was much too conscious that he was really only a very 'umble

## The Very Idea!

Striking statements with regard to the power of the unconscious mind were made at a conference on "New Ideals in Education" at Malvern.

Professor J. E. Marcuitt asserted that in a state of trance, that which went on in the next room or in another part of the world could be heard, and communications from those with whom we are linked with affection can come to us.

In supporting his theory the Professor said: "I will quote a case. A mother had three daughters, and met a man with whom she fell in love. She never said a word to the man and remained perfectly faithful, as she thought, to her marriage vows. Yet, because she nursed it and developed within her unconscious mind the power of passion, which went against her own moral convictions, her three daughters went wrong. There is no doubt, either to me or the doctor who told me of the case, that the cause of it was the mother upon the unconscious minds of the daughters."

"We cannot," he added "measure the contents of the unconscious; and schools in America which profess to tell you how to use the powers of unconscious mind for serving your own interests are criminal."

York Magistrate to an alleged beggar—Will you leave the city if released? Man—The dog that won the Waterloo Cup could not catch me if you let me go.

Mr. Bingley, Marylebone Magistrate, to a wife who said that her husband did not give her proper "wages"—I wish you would not call them wages.

Counsel to married woman at Bow County Court—You do not work? Woman—What? I have five children.

Magistrate at Feltham, Middlesex—What are your earnings? Man—I'm a labourer and never earn enough to have earnings.

Here is a story of A Father Who Simply Cannot Say: His wife told the Southend magistrates that she had 18 children.

The father—William Mark Porter, of Fairfax-drive, Westcliff—was emphatic about this.

He was summoned for cruelty and was ordered to pay his wife 42s. 6d. a week for herself and four children under 16.

"It was a terrible accident," said the English visitor, describing the motor smash; "but none of us was even hurt, and I shouldn't have got a farthing's worth of damages if I hadn't had the presence of mind to kick my wife in the face. She didn't mind. She's a business woman."

Much as we may enjoy the eccentricities of dialect, we appreciate still more the convenience that results from everyone's pronouncing words in more or less the same way.

At present (writes Mr. Robert Lynd in the *New Statesman*), pronunciations of English differ so widely from place to place that an English-speaking stranger in London sometimes finds that he can scarcely make himself intelligible.

I remember, when I first came to London, going into a chemist's shop near Euston and asking for some pine pastilles, which I had heard were the perfect cure for a sore throat.

The little man behind the counter made me repeat the words two or three times, and, after shaking his head helplessly, asked me, "What sort of a pine?"

And I in turn failed to realise for a moment that he meant, "What sort of a pain?"

When I explained what I really wanted, he said, "Oh, pine pastilles," and got them for me.

person). Will he not give us a chance to find out how he has grown these last five years? It was probably not the pianist's fault. Heifetz likes all the *kiddos*. Kreisler is of a different type. He plays many sonatas and allows his pianist to share the honours, thus proving himself to be a true musician.

There are no Victor records to hand; a small batch of cheap H.M.V. has arrived, the Veronique duets being the best of the bunch. Of the new Columbia list, the following may be recommended: *Opera*: La Traviata (complete); *Vocal*: Let the Bright Seraphim (Handel); *Missa*: Bolla; *Ballet*: *Orchestra*, Weingartner conducting; *Dances* from "The Three Corners of Hat" (for those who like Da Folla's modern Spanish style); *Waltzes*: Someday, Somewhere, and Grievance; *Piano*: Stude (Dohnanyi) played by Cyril Smith; *Daily Express* Prize-Winner; *Violin*: Slow Movement from Max Bruch's Concerts (Lemmermann); *Fox-Trots*, "On the Amazon," "Up in the Clouds" and other items from "The Five O'Clock Girl."



SHIP EXPLOSION  
AT SHANGHAI.ENGINEER SCALDED  
TO DEATH.TERRIBLE AFFAIR ON BOARD  
"CARNARVONSHIRE."

ENGINE-ROOM MISHAP.

Shanghai, May 15.

With a force of nearly 200 pounds of steam behind it, one of the boiler valves in the engine room of the a.s. Carnarvonshire blew out yesterday morning, a short time before the vessel was to leave Shanghai, striking the fourth engineer, Mr. J. A. Skakil, in the face and flooding the engine room with steam.

The engineer was scalded to death and all attempts on the part of other engineers of the vessel to enter the engine room were prevented for nearly an hour owing to the terrific rushes of steam issuing from the boilers.

## Loud Explosion.

The a.s. Carnarvonshire, one of the Glen and Shire Line vessels, was due to leave the No. 6 Buoy for Europe yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. An hour before the scheduled departure of the ship a loud explosion came from the engine room followed by a terrific rush of steam from below decks. An immediate rush to the engine room and stokehold was made by other members of the deck and engineering staff but it was found impossible to enter the boiler room owing to the steam.

It was not until 50 minutes later that an entrance was effected when the body of the Fourth Engineer was discovered hanging head downwards on the port side of one of the boilers.

## Terrible Injuries.

His face and head were badly smashed and his body had been literally boiled to a pulp by the flow of scalding steam which poured from the boilers.

From subsequent deductions and a knowledge of the engine room routine, it was stated that the deceased had gone to the engine room at about 7 o'clock for the purpose of looking up the boilers and opening up the main stop valves preparatory to the ship's departure. Two boilers had been opened and the deceased was apparently in the act of opening the port forward boiler when the valve exploded, striking the deceased in the face with a force of nearly 200 lbs. of steam behind it.

## Believed Killed Instantly.

The force of the explosion must have hurled the deceased back carrying him off his feet and depositing him head down, hanging over a stanchion between the boiler and the side of the ship. It is believed that the force of the valve head in striking the deceased must have rendered him immediately unconscious, if not killing him outright thus preventing the agony and torture which would otherwise have resulted from the scalding to death.

A Chinese greaser had a very narrow escape being in the engine room at the time of the explosion. He managed to make his way to safety before being overpowered by the steam. He received nothing more than a severe scalding.

## Driven Back.

Immediately following the explosion, the third engineer, Mr. Mitson, attempted to enter the engine room but was driven back by the out-rush of scalding steam. There was nothing for the other officers to do but wait until the engine room cleared of the dense steam clouds. Fortunately there were no others in the room at the time, the ship being an oil burner and not requiring the usual below deck staff of firemen usually carried by a coal burner.

The deceased was only 24 years old and was a native of London. This was his third voyage on the a.s. Carnarvonshire, he only recently being promoted to fourth engineer.

## OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The Royal Observatory states that the anticyclone remains stationary to the East of Japan and has increased in intensity. The trough now extends from South China across Formosa and North Luzon to the Pacific.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—South or variable winds, moderate; cloudy, occasional rain. The rainfall for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.36 inch, making the year's total 9.55 inches against an average of 16.55 inches.

COIN CONSPIRACY  
FRUSTRATED.KOWLOON BUS CO. STAFF  
SENT TO PRISON.

## COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

A plan to defraud bus passengers by two employees of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, was alleged when the men appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of being in possession of 46 counterfeit five-cent pieces and nine ten-cent pieces.

First defendant, who was described as a bus cleaner, stated that he had found the coins in one of the company's vehicles. The second defendant, a bus conductor, said that he had changed some money with the first defendant and was not aware that the coins he received were spurious.

Inspector Stimson informed his Worship that the first defendant's duties were to clean buses at the Kowloon Tong terminus. The Inspector on duty at Kowloon City would, however, tell the Court that he boarded the second defendant's bus and found the two men counting money.

Remarks regarding the money being bad were passed by the two men. After taking the money from the defendants the Inspector did a silly thing and returned the coins to the first accused who later was taken to the Company's office and then to the Police Station.

## Company's Losses.

It was mentioned that over \$1,000 in counterfeit coins was received by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company last year.

In giving evidence the bus inspector said that when he boarded the bus he heard the second defendant comment upon the peculiarity of the colour of the money which he was holding. Witness examined the coins and found them bad. He then handed them back.

The second defendant then gave the coins to the first defendant and asked the latter for the 60 cents he had given him. The first defendant handed the conductor 60 cents, which were bad. The second defendant then asked the cleaner why he had given him bad money when the original 60 cents had been genuine coins.

The first defendant then extracted a number of ten-cent pieces from his pocket and with the assistance of the witness the conductor selected six good coins.

A report was later made to the company and then to the Police Station.

Evidence that the coins produced were counterfeit was given by a money changer.

Making a statement, the first defendant said that he had found the coins the previous day on a bus, and was changing the five-cent pieces with the second defendant.

## Experts on Coins.

The second defendant denied that he knew the coins were bad.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Louey, manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company said that the conductors were each issued with \$2 worth of five-cent pieces before they started their duties every morning. He did not, therefore, think it was necessary for them to get change outside. He supposed that the conductors were experts in detecting counterfeit money.

After hearing the evidence his Worship convicted both defendants and said that the whole of the evidence tended to show that there was a fraud being planned between the two defendants. The first defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour and the second to four months.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, May 15.
Paris	124.15
New York	4.85 1/10
Brussels	34.945
Geneva	25.185 1/2
Amsterdam	12.00 1/2
Milan	32.65
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	18.105
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	34.45
Vienna	163 1/2
Prague	192 1/2
Hamburg	34.155
Madrid	108 1/2
Lisbon	375
Athens	818
Bucharest	5.57/64
Rio	47.5/64
Buenos Aires	1/5.29/32
Bombay	2/6 1/4
Shanghai	1/10.3/32
Hongkong	25.5/16
Yokohama	25 1/2
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

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## APPEAL TO YOUTH.

London, May 15.

In a large De Havilland aeroplane, Sir Alan Cobham starts to-day on a three months' tour of Great Britain, with the object of arousing Municipal interest in flying, in a hundred towns.

In addition to the flights which will be given to the local authorities, Sir Alan Cobham will be able, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, to give 100,000 free flights to school children, and these will range from 50 to 300 per town, according to the basis of the school population.

Sir Charles Wakefield yesterday christened Sir Alan Cobham's air liner "Youth of Britain," and,

## MANILA GOVERNOR?



Mr. Dwight L. Davis, who has been offered the post of Governor-General of the Philippines.

in doing so, said that while the immediate object of the tour was to investigate landing ground possibilities and demonstrate flying prospects to all the larger towns in Great Britain, the direct appeal which would be made to boys and girls would, in the long run, do even more to assist Imperial aviation.

The day would come, said Sir Charles, when flying as a means of travel and as a sport would be an accepted commonplace of life. Youth would herald that day, and this tour would help enormously by arousing the keenness and energy of youth upon flying.

—British Wireless.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port this morning:

Basin.—H.M.S. Tamar.  
South Wall Basin.—H.M. ships Cornwall, Seawey and L15.  
North Arm.—H.M.S. Sepoy.  
West Wall Dock.—H.M.S. Hermes.  
In Dock.—H.M. ships Bruce, Somme and Sirdar.  
No. 6 Buoy.—Submarine L20.  
No. 11 Buoy.—H.M.S. Marazion.  
Foreign Wharves.—Chinese cruisers Yang Swe (No. 2 Buoy), and Hai Yang (No. 3 Buoy), French gunboat Argus, and the U.S.S. Tulsa.



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## ROSE PETAL SHOWERS.

London, May 15.

His Majesty the King, looking bronzed and well as the result of his long sojourn on the South Coast, left Craigwell House, Bognor, for Windsor to-day, the sixty-mile journey being covered in two hours and twenty minutes. The Queen accompanied him.

At every town and village inhabitants were waiting to greet Their Majesties.

By the King's wish, the chauffeurs went slowly through every village, and His Majesty bowed and raised his hat to the enthusiastic cheers of the villagers.

As the Royal car came up the Castle Hill at Windsor, rose petals were showered on the car from the windows of the houses and these rapidly covered its roof.

The King was obviously much moved by the popular demonstration of interest in his welfare and the delight at his recovery which he witnessed.

Fluttering handkerchiefs and long bursts of cheering greeted His Majesty throughout the long journey, which almost seemed in the nature of a triumphal procession.

## Windsor's Welcome.

The cars stopped at the top of Castle Hill, Windsor, where the municipality had assembled, two thousand school-children lining the Castle wall waving. Unions Jacks, while a thousand of the boys at Eton College were inside the Castle Gateway. They gave lusty cheers as Their Majesties drove in.

The send-off at Bognor was equally enthusiastic and the King briefly replied to Civic Addresses in both towns.

It was officially stated at Windsor Castle that the King had borne the journey well and showed no signs of fatigue.

The King and Queen will spend the next few weeks quietly at the Castle. Usually when the court is held at Windsor, there is much visiting, but during the King's present stay, visiting will be modified on the advice of His Majesty's doctors.

It is definitely stated that the King will not attend the Ascot Race Meeting which is the chief social event of the season and takes place in the middle of June. It is expected His Majesty will have removed to Sandringham before then.—British Wireless and Reuter.

A Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever was notified yesterday.

The variety entertainment at the Wesleyan Soldiers' and Sailors' Home on Saturday last yielded the satisfactory sum of \$300.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Asia yesterday were Mrs. A. H. Ferguson and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleming, Mr. A. L. Shields, and Mr. and Mrs. Tong Shao-yi.

THE SQUEEZE RING  
SCANDAL.COOLIES REFERRED TO AS  
"GARBAGE KINGS."

## COURT COMPLIMENTS.

A case which came up before Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Central Magistracy this morning, was noteworthy for an exchange of uncomplimentary remarks between parties interested in the proceedings. Having been referred to as "that peck-marked chap" by witnesses, the defendant retaliated by calling them "dog kings," in allusion to their employment as constables attached to hawkers' supervision duty. On other occasions, scavenger-coolies were brought in for scathing references to their vocations as "garbage-kings."

The case was an off-shoot of the recent "squeeze-ring" affair, in which a number of constables who received bribes from hawkers were exposed. In the present case, the defendant, who claimed to have belonged to the hawking fraternity, was charged with demanding and receiving "squeeze" from four different hawkers, on the pretence that he was acting on behalf of a certain constable.

The defendant, while admitting the facts concerned with the bribes, pleaded instructions from a constable, to whom he continually referred as "Ah Ting."

## "The Scapegoat."

Literally, "Ah Ting" means "the scapegoat," but defendant, in putting forward this personality, asserted that was the familiar name of the man for whom he was receiving the levies.

Evidence being called by the prosecution, a hawker came forward to say he did not find it strange to have been confronted, for the first time within his business experience, with a direct demand for "squeeze." He even thought it was a new "agulation," one of the multifarious ones printed on his licence, and acquiesced in the request.

Describing the incident which, he said, took place last Sunday at noon, witness said that the first question the defendant put to him was:—Have you paid into the constables' funds?

Witness replied: No, no-one is collecting.

Defendant.—Well, I am collecting. It is eighty cents.

Witness said he paid up then without further fuss.

The same hawker was later met by a constable, who, upon arresting him for hawking within market limits, protested against the action, saying he had only the previous day paid 80 cents to a "dog-king" through "peck-marked Yau."

## Constable Accused.

While giving evidence in Court upon this point, the constable was confronted by the defendant with the suggestion that he (the constable) was the very man for whom the "squeeze" was being collected.

Questioned by Mr. Smith, the constable denied having entered into such an arrangement with the defendant.

Other witnesses were called, one of whom said he considered it "awfully expensive" to have to pay a bribe of 80 cents a week when times were so bad. He had feared a police assault, but said he could always escape such a threat by picking up his load and making a bolt for it.

A Chinese constable giving evidence of arrest said that upon seeing defendant perched on the shafts of a rubbish cart, engaged in conversation with two "garbage kings," he had called the defendant away, saying, "the police want to see you."

## Four Passwords.

At the close of the evidence, the defendant declared that he had received his instructions from one Ah Ting, a constable in the Hawkers' Department, who had talked the matter over with him at a tea-house and gave him four different passwords to be communicated to the hawkers who were being squeezed, these passwords being "nine," "ten," "eleven" and "twelve."

Mr. Smith observed that the case for the prosecution appeared to him to be very shaky. There was a doubt as to where the money went. He felt he must discharge the defendant.

The defendant, on being released from the dock, was grabbed by a constable, upon seeing which Mr. Smith asked why the man had been rearrested.

A European Sergeant in charge of the case said the man was not being rearrested. They were leading the man away with the view to returning to him certain property taken from him at the time of his arrest.

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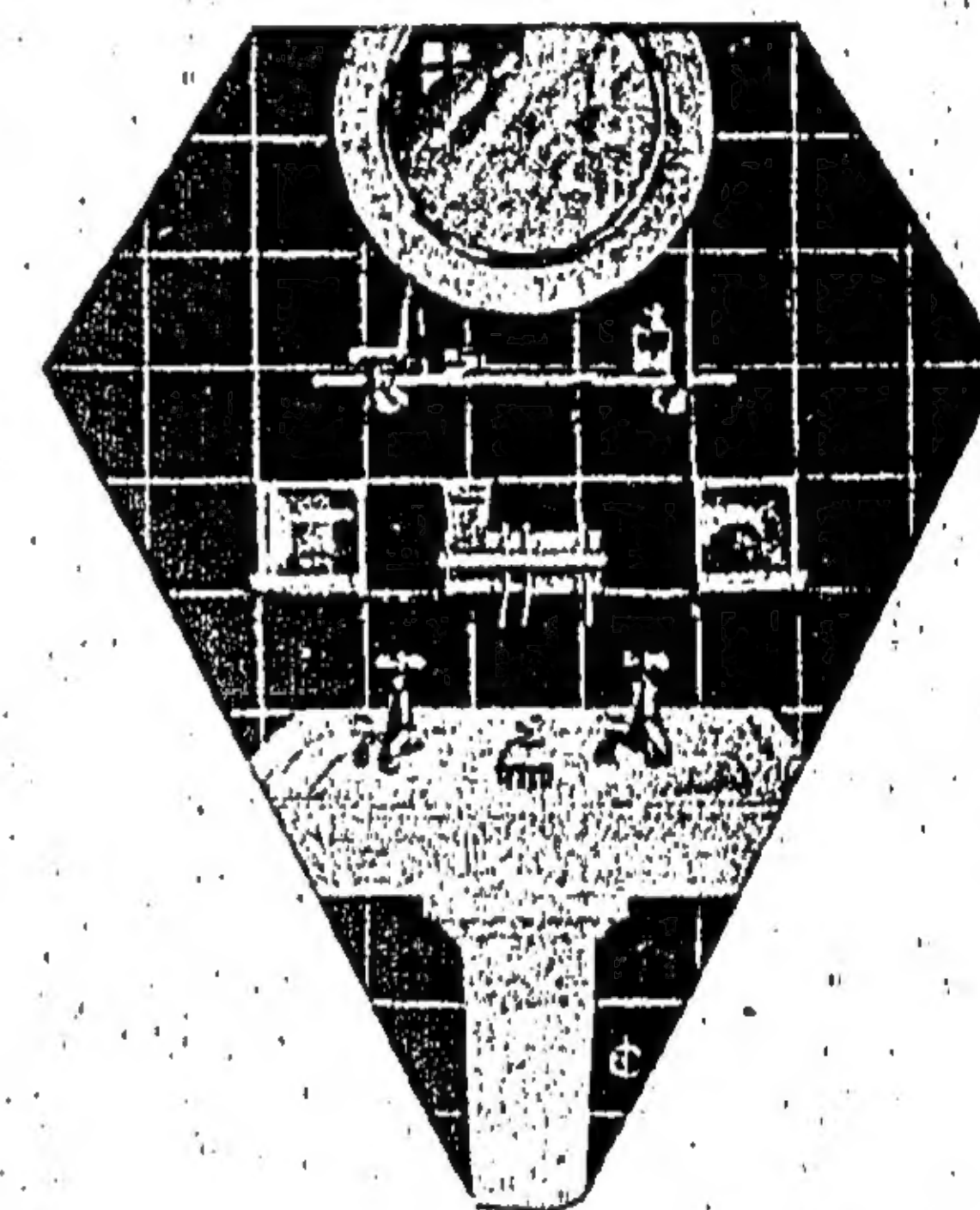
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## SERVICE SOCCER.

### THE SENIOR SHIELD FINAL CONTEST.

H. E. Major General Sandilands, the G.O.C., arrived before the kick-off at Sookunpoo in the Services Senior Final, and was an interested spectator throughout the game, which was won by the K.O.S.B. At the close he presented the trophies to the winning teams of each division.

Ball control was out of the question owing to the slippery state of the ground, but the K.O.S.B. did most of the attacking, and Fletcher, the R.A. goalie, was the outstanding player. Leach sent Jobe away and from the centre Taylor shot wide. For a time the K.O.S.B. pressed strongly, but failed to register a goal. Corners were numerous, but the flag kicks invariably went behind. Half-time, no score.

The R.A. opened the second half with a strong attack, and MacDougall was hard pressed, throwing the ball behind from a prone position. Fletcher stopped shots from Davey and McGilnehey, but was eventually beaten by Stock, who headed in from a centre by Alexander, and drew first blood for the K.O.S.B.

The R.A. went out to level up, and a centre by Jobe should have been converted, but Martin nipped in and cleared. Fletcher followed up a shot from Skirge and was brought down. Stock sent hard against the crossbar with Fletcher absent.

The R.A. drew level when Jobe took a pass from Leach, and cutting in sent in a shot that MacDougall failed to turn out. Both teams tried hard for the lead, and in the last minute of the game Crawley converted from a pass by Alexander. Fletcher was later injured in stopping a hard drive from Alexander. The final whistle sounded with the K.O.S.B. winning by two goals to one.

At the close of the game, the teams lined up in front of the stand. H. E. The G.O.C. congratulated the K.O.S.B. on winning such a strenuous game, and the R.A. for the splendid fight they had put up. He paid a special compliment to Fletcher, the R.A. goalie, and also complimented M.A.A. Vesper on the handling of the game.

The G.O.C. then presented the Senior Shield to Sgt. McGilnehey, K.O.S.B., and the Junior Cup to A. B. Evans, H.M.S. Bruce. Small cups were presented to each player of the teams.

Three cheers and a "tiger" for the G.O.C. were lustily given.

## LOCAL BILLIARDS.

### ANOTHER WIN FOR THE CATHOLIC UNION.

The return billiards match between H.M.S. Cornwall and the Catholic Union took place last night at the Catholic Union Club, the latter winning by a margin of 127 points. The best break was one of 40, made by Mr. S. M. Cruz, Jr. Scores:

Catholic Union.	
E. L. Vas	200
L. G. Silva	146
M. A. Baptista	147
J. D. Remedios	198
A. A. M. Rodrigues	200
S. M. Cruz, Jr.	200
	1,091

### H.M.S. Cornwall.

Chadwick	83
Richards	200
Horns	200
Small	200
Hobley	127
Phillips	154
	964

## HOME BOXING.

### OUTSTANDING PROGRAMME AT OLYMPIA TO-DAY.

London, May 15. The greatest programme ever offered to the boxing public will be staged at Olympia, London, to-morrow night, when Len Harvey (London) meets Alex. Ireland (holder) for the European and British middleweight crown.

Harry Corbett (Bethnal Green), the holder of the British featherweight title, opposes the former title holder, Johnny Cuthbert (Sheffield). Kid Patten (Bethnal Green), the holder of the British bantamweight Championship, meets Teddy Baldock (Poplar).—Reuter.

## LEAGUE TENNIS.

### KOWLOON C. C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C. in their League fixtures on Saturday.

"A" Division: Versus The Club de Reccreio on the K.C.C. ground at 4 p.m.—E. C. Fincher & E. F. Fincher, S. E. Green & Thomas Lay, C. E. Millard & F. Grose.

"B" Division: Versus R. E. & R. S. on the K.C.C. ground at 4 p.m.—A. E. Guest & W. M. Gittins, L. Jack & W. Brown, Geo. Lee & F. Zimmer.

## CHAN MING-SHU FOR CANTON?

(Continued from Page 1.)

Army to pursue the defeated Kwangsi-ites towards Swatow and Chaochowfu.

Kwangsi Retreat? The situation on the North and West River districts remains quiet and there is no further news of fighting.

An official Canton Government report states that Canton troops have captured Hokow, near Samshui, and that the Kwangsi forces are retiring to Shihing and Szewui, to the north-west of Samshui.

### Mines in West River?

Canton, May 15.

Ships sailing for Wuchow have been advised to call at Samshui and to comply with the requests of the Chinese authorities there.

It is possible that mines may be laid in the West River, but the Customs and local authorities will be advised of the position before any mines are laid.

### Swatow Now Independent.

Swatow, May 14.

There has been a complete change of Government both here and in the whole Swatow district.

No proclamation of the change of Government or of the policy of the new officials has been issued, but the new appointments are made by the Rehabilitation Bureau of the Eastern District of the province in the name of General Hsu King-long.

Two new offices are created, both of which are significant. The establishment of a Finance Bureau indicates that Swatow is now separated from Canton as well as from the Central Government, although doubtless only until the Kwangsi forces take Canton, should they be able to do so.

The other new appointment is that of Defence Commissioner

for the Chao Mei area (including Swatow, Chaochowfu and Kaying-chiu), with headquarters at the Rehabilitation Bureau. This appointment means that during the time of transition the official in charge will be responsible for the peace of the district and will, in the absence of General Hsu King-long, be the chief official in Eastern Kwangtung. This post is given to Colonel Liu Min-ou, who was in command of the 13th Battalion of the 1st Brigade. His second-in-command is Li Tsok-ayen, who was Chief of Staff to General Hsu and who carried out the coup against General Tang Yin-wah the other day.

These two officials took office yesterday, and, following the ceremony, issued a list of appointments to all the district magistracies. In some of these, new appointments are made, in others appointments are ratified.

### Kuomintang Silent.

The various organs of the Kuomintang are for the time being silent. The newspapers are either non-committal or censored, a curious factor being the complete absence of Canton news. A whole page normally given to local news was on Sunday filled with a photograph of the Czechoslovakian journalist and his secretary, with an account of their travels, who are trekking around the world.

There is little news from up-country, but in view of the withdrawal of troops many refugees have come in from Liuvong, the town which was recently raided by the Fung-shan Communists. There is some apprehension of a renewal of Communist activity, but the appointment of the new Defence Commissioner may allay this.

The adherence to Kwangsi is said generally to be fairly popular, and there is a belief that we are on the eve of a big movement

## STARS OF THE BANVARD COMPANY.



Above are two of the talented lady members of the Banvard English Comedy Company which is to commence a brief return season at the Star Theatre on Saturday with "Rookery Nook." Left, Miss Kathleen Vaughan; right, Miss Josephine Kilfoyle. Booking is now open at Moutrie's and at the Star Theatre.

## HORSES KILLED.

### BLACK DAY AT CHELTENHAM STEEPLECHASES.

London, Apr. 18.

Cheltenham Steeplechase meeting yesterday was marked by a series of mishaps culminating in the death of the jockey, F. Stokes, who was riding Area in the Towkesbury Hurdle Race.

The day's mishaps began with the first race, which Sir Peter Grant Lawson's horse, Northern Linnet, was easily winning when he charged into the last fence and broke his neck. This left the way clear for the favourite, Pettissimo, who, however, broke a leg at the last fence, and had to be destroyed. In the second race Thistabel fell heavily at the first hurdle, and also broke his neck.

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### Government Successes.

Shanghai, May 16.

It is reported from Hunan that Government forces under General Ho Chien captured Chuanchow in Kwangsi on the 10th inst., while other Government forces under General Wu Sheung captured Kwoonyang, which is situated on the west of Kweilin.

General Ho Chien has arrived on the Yungchow front and has since been directing the operations there.—Nam Chung Po.

### Hunan's Aid.

Shanghai, May 15.

A message from Changsha says

the vanguards of the Hunan forces arrived in the vicinity of Kweilin yesterday.

Pinglo is now completely surrounded by Government troops. Ho Chien, commanding the Hunanites, is proceeding from Yungchow to Chuanchow, where his field headquarters are being removed.—Reuter.

### Hupeh's Assistance.

Shanghai, May 15.

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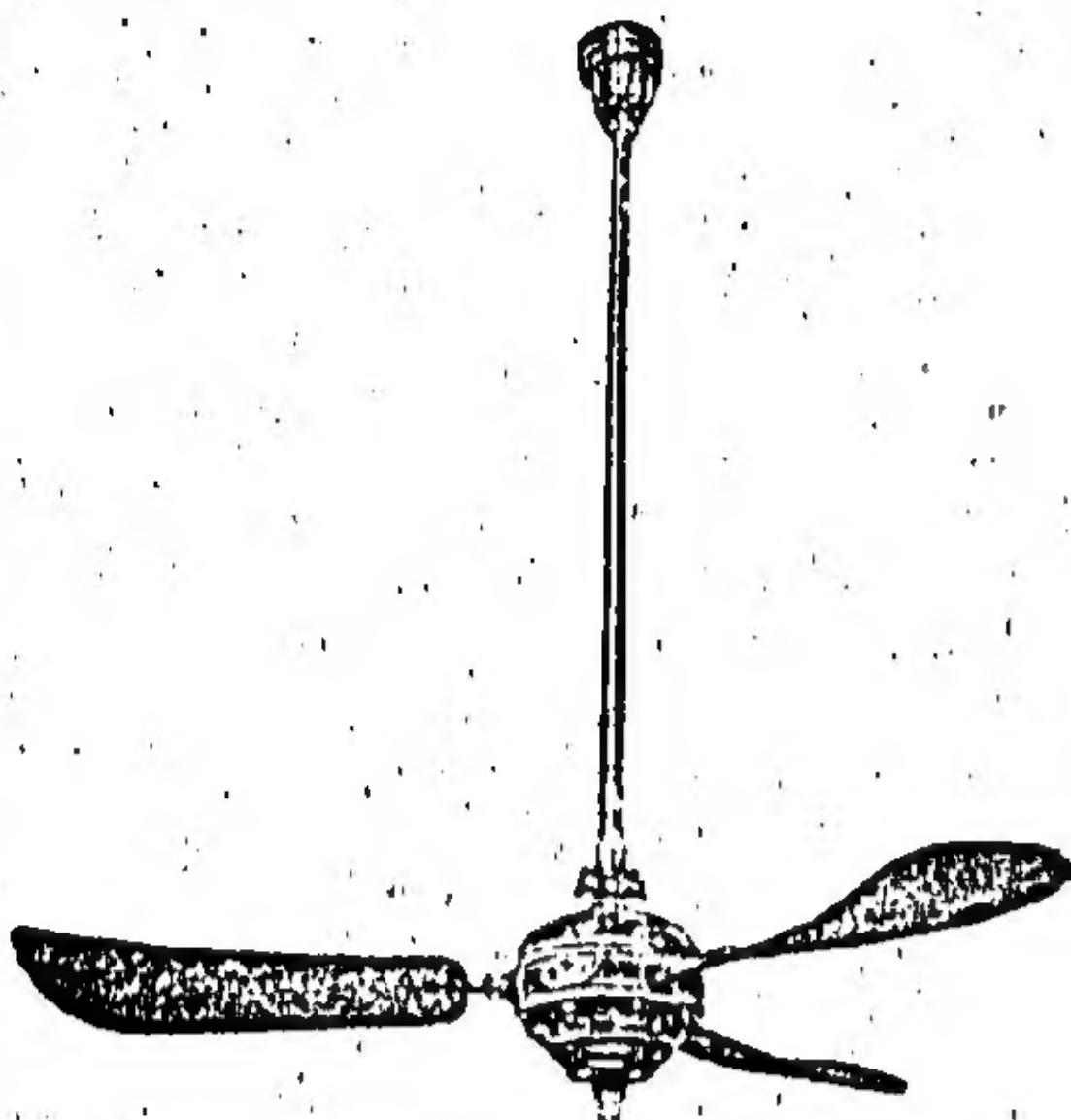
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CONCLUSIONS ON EVIDENCE AS  
REGARDS HANDWRITING.

### SILENCE OF TOMB.

In a final speech to the jury occupying the entire sitting of the Court yesterday, Mr. F. C. Jenkin summed up the case for the defence in the Government v. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation action.

Speaking of handwriting generally, Mr. Jenkin said the jury would recollect that a very considerable body of evidence had been put before them as to the bank interview which had a very close relation to the trick hypothesis. He would suggest, on that aspect of the case, there had been a possible misapprehension as to what line he had intended to take on the matter and what he intended to submit. Mr. Jenkin continued it was never his idea that the parties were absolutely decided at that interview. His point had always been that there was a state of absolute indecision on the part of everybody concerned with the Treasury and Government and they did not declare their hands at the interview or at the Treasury, or in the letter which was written to the bank on January 20.

He had adduced the whole of that evidence and laid weight on it for the purpose of establishing the facts showed, if the signatures of Mr. Black and Mr. Messer were in fact forged, and were so considered by the signatories themselves from the very first, there was a singular want in the evidence of any declared expression of view.

The idea he had had was to put before them evidence showing the possibility of the signatures being genuine on the basis that they had been obtained by a trick. That was the view if not held by Mr. Messer, as he had said it was not, was certainly held by all except Mr. Messer, who were engaged in the matter on behalf of the Government or the Treasury at that time.

### Doubt as to Forgery.

Taking the evidence as a whole the only conclusion it was possible to come to with regard to the contemporaneous facts, was that there was a state of indecision in Government circles on January 18 and for some little time afterwards, as to whether the signatures were forgeries or whether they were genuine and obtained by a trick.

If the signatures were known to be forgeries by the signatories from the start, why was it that everything which took place at the time pointed to the fact that at least two hypotheses were being entertained (1) that they were forged and (2) that the signatures were genuine and had been obtained by some trick in the Treasury.

"I put it to you it is impossible to escape from the conclusion that that view was held." Counsel added they could not square everything which took place at the time with anything but that view. If that view was held by people who should have been very intimate with the general surrounding circumstances, was it to be said that the bank should be bridled and governed by a department's mentally changed front and that it was almost audaciously for the bank to appear in the Court and say that the hypothesis of a trick was entertained?

### Mr. Messer Not Attacked.

After commenting that he did not attack Mr. Messer in any personal form, counsel said he was asking the jury to question the telephonic communication between Mr. Messer and Mr. Grayburn, as deposed to by Mr. Messer but denied by the latter. Mr. Jenkin said the matter had not been mentioned before until the present Court was reached. Unless the jury were going to attribute a trick of a very mean order to a banker, they must doubt that matter.

Counsel went on to say it was quite clear from the evidence that there was no notion by anyone that Mr. Messer's signature was repudiated until eight days afterwards when Mr. King visited the bank, stated that Mr. Messer's signature was repudiated and asked for examination of his previous cheques.

### Tsang Not Consulted.

Mr. Jenkin submitted it was unquestionable that the view was held that the writing in the bodies of the cheques was that of Tsang On-wing because there was a very marked refraining of any consultation with him on January 18. Tsang's evidence itself showed that nobody spoke to him at all that afternoon with regard to the handwriting except Mr. King, who asked him a few questions prior to his arrest. They knew the arrest took place late in the evening. It appeared to counsel a curious fact that the officials in the Treasury most concerned in the matter considered that Tsang was in it, otherwise if they held him in the high esteem they say they did, it would at least have been fair to him to have asked him for an explanation but they asked him nothing.

This trusted servant of the Treasury and his assistant Cheung Man-kuen, were arrested and prosecuted although no evidence was taken before the Magistrate. The charge against them was only compatible with one view, that the signatures were genuine and that Tsang had conspired with someone else to obtain them. The jury would see at that stage the view was held which he had pressed upon them by the people most concerned with the question.

With regard to Mr. Black's signature, the evidence as a whole, showed that it was not repudiated for some time afterwards. Upon what date Mr. Black repudiated it counsel said he did not know but it was not repudiated at the bank interview.

### Counsel Embarrassed.

Counsel continued he had always felt embarrassed about the bank interview. On the previous day when Mr. Hegarty and other bank witnesses gave evidence, the suggestion was made by the other side more than once it was a matter to which he (Mr. Jenkin) attached great importance, while the other side did not. In fairness to himself he reminded them that the bank interview was opened by Mr. Potter. Mr. Black gave evidence in detail with regard to it.

Therefore the matter was laid before the Court for the first time by the plaintiff.

Mr. Jenkin went on to say the only one conclusion from the bank interview was that Mr. Black did not, as he now asserted, make a declaration that his signature was a forgery and that he did not make a declaration that the bodies of the cheques were not the handwriting of Tsang On-wing.

It would probably be pressed upon them by the other side that the retention of counsel and Professor Shollahar on July 19 was indicative of it being appreciated that the case for the Treasury was that the signatures were forged. On that assumption, he would explain that the amount involved was a quarter of a million dollars. The cheques had been queried and looked at from every point of view.

### Witnesses Not Called.

Was it not significant, asked Mr. Jenkin, that the two Government auditors had not been invited to assist them with what took place at the bank interview, if the interview was of any importance at all. Mr. Messer had said that Mr. Dalling had gone away recently, but he could, said counsel, have been held back for the case. Mr. Maughan was still in the Colony for all counsel knew.

Mr. Jenkin said another point was, on the assumption which he would submit on another aspect of the case, was impossible, that on December 22, 1927, Tsang On-wing discovered for the first time that the cover of the cheque book Exhibit "F" had been altered and 30 cheques extracted, was it possible for anybody to believe he thought that the book had come in that state from the bank and therefore nothing need be said or done about the matter. That therefore there was no need to talk to either Mr. Black or Mr. Messer about it?

The matter went right down to the core of the case. If Tsang had appreciated what he saw, the case would never have come on and nothing would have happened.

### Cheque Book Evidence.

Dealing with facts relating to the book which counsel said were either admitted or proved, he went on to say that the book arrived at the Treasury from the bank with 600 cheques in it. It was checked and the receipt acknowledging the receipt of the 600 cheques, signed by Mr. Messer, was returned to the bank. It was sent to the bank for printing and was returned to the Treasury, still complete. It was put into the safe complete where it lay for 14 days. It was taken from the safe on December 20 and put into use in the state in which it was received from the bank.

On an objection raised by Mr. Potter, his Lordship pointed out it was not admitted or conclusively shown that the book was not altered when it was taken from the safe. Nothing was noticed until the third day.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said that Tsang On-wing and Cheung Man-kuen worked on the book and it was not until December 22 it was found that the numbers on the cover had been altered and that 30 cheques were missing.

### Guilty Knowledge?

For eight years, continued counsel, the Colonial Treasurer had trusted Tsang as his deputy in the custody and entire looking after the cheque books. The question which would be left to the jury, subject to any ruling by his Lordship, was "when Tsang or Cheung, the two men in the Treasury entrusted with the custody of the book, made the discovery on the third day, did they know that something wrong had taken place; that that alteration had been made after the book had come from the bank and that the 30 cheques had been taken out after the book had come from the bank?"

The other theory was that Tsang, having made the discovery, believed the book had been sent from the bank in that state. If Tsang or Cheung had come to the only

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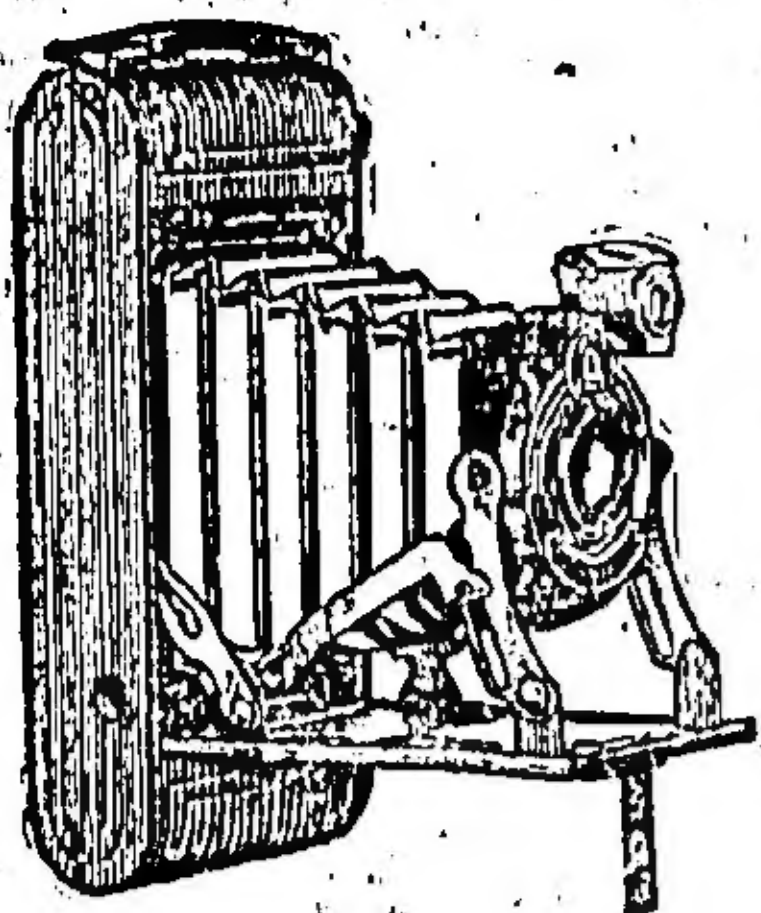
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rational conclusion as to what had taken place that something was wrong, then the affair would never have happened. If it had been brought to the attention of their superiors they would have drawn the bank's attention to it and neither the Government nor the Treasury would have been victimized by either of the three cheques. There was never any inspection of the cheque book by either Mr. Messer or Mr. Black. No one checked the contents of the safe which was left absolutely to Tsang and Cheung.

### "Mental Inertia."

"Do you believe, if he made that discovery for the first time on the 22nd, it is to be attributed entirely to an inexplicable patch of mental inertia on his part, that for some unknown reason he suddenly lost that degree of mental alertness which he would appear to have displayed in other functions he would appear to have discharged in the Treasury."

"Where is Cheung Man-kuen?" asked counsel, "the one other man in the Treasury who was intimately concerned with Tsang in this matter. We know the man is available, this other man who could either confirm Tsang's state of imbecility at this period and convince you that it was a fair view to take on this question, or else to give Tsang away."

After commenting it might be stated by the other side that they did not want to waste time with innumerable witnesses, Mr. Jenkin asked the jury if they could think, having regard to the circumstances, of a more important witness from the Treasury than Cheung. Counsel said he would waive, by reason of the frequent references to his name as being closely associated with the matter, they must have expected Cheung was going to be called.

Mr. Jenkin put it to them they would find that Tsang and Cheung knew that after the book had been received in the Treasury the incident had happened. If they knew, the jury would also find, because there was no other conclusion possible, they must have known that the number had been altered for a wrongful purpose, and that wrong purpose, and that wrong sense was not only wrong in the widest sense but was wrong in a fraudulent sense; that fraud was afoot and they knew it.

### Unsuspecting Deputy.

Mr. Jenkin continued that the jury was being asked to hold that occurrences of the class he had mentioned were of such a nature that no attention need be paid to them. He asked the jury to assume for a moment that having made a discovery of this nature it would be possible to excuse Tsang On-wing. He asked whether or not Mr. Black or Mr. Messer, with the exercise of ordinary and reasonable care if they had discharged their duties in the ordinary way, would have found it out. If so, then the jury could have no doubt that they would not be present that day. If either of them had made the discovery which Tsang made they would have drawn one conclusion and one conclusion only, that there was something afoot which required very particular attention.

Counsel said he made that submission confidently on the fact that Mr. Messer had agreed in evidence that if he had made the discovery nothing could have increased his suspicion more. It was rather surprising therefore to find that his deputy found nothing suspicious about it at all. Mr. Black had said that he would have assumed the alteration had been made in the Treasury and would have reported it. He also said that any responsible subordinate should have reported it if he had observed it.

### No Check Anywhere.

In December, 1927, absolutely everything was left to Tsang and Cheung. They were not checked at any possible point. No one did anything compatible with any kind of care. Counsel put it to the jury that it would be a fair finding that if Mr. Messer and Mr. Black had exercised a reasonable degree of care this matter would not have happened.

Mr. Black was sitting in the office as a matter of custom. He was almost cheek by jowl with Tsang and Cheung. He was a senior man. It might be that he took the system as he found it, taking a line that it was not his piggy.

Mr. Messer passed around the office from time to time. He went so far as to say that he sometimes noticed the cheque book lying on the desk at tiffin time. Counsel put it to the jury that it was not compatible with reasonable care in matters of this moment to absolutely turn over to a subordinate clerk the entire custody and management of the cheque books and never check them; never exercise the slightest check upon them. Surely there must be some degree of control exercised over a subordinate, even if not by the most senior man by someone responsible under him. Mr. Jenkin also asked whether it was a fair test of reasonable care to look at what the

Treasury had been doing since these events.

### Present Procedure.

Now, when a cheque book was received from the bank, it was checked by two officials. When it was returned from the bank it was checked by two officials. The cheque book in use was inspected every day. Every cheque signed was checked with the cash book which was then duly initialed. The reserve cheque book, instead of being kept in the open safe, was kept in Mr. Messer's personal safe. The current cheque book was now locked up during the tiffin interval.

He did not know whether the officers in the Treasury were now exceeding what was reasonable care but he would meet them half way. If any two of the steps he had just outlined had been taken in December, 1927, would the three cheques have been presented on January 3, 4 and 5? There could only be one answer and that was—no. He thought that the jury would find that if a reasonable degree of supervision had been exercised that it would have been known in December, the crucial month, that the cheques were missing.

### Course of Denial.

Counsel went on to deal with the course of conduct between banker and customer and said that one of his pleas in the case is "was it a course of dealing between the Government and the bank that the Government should, with reasonable despatch, warn the bank of any suspicious, unusual or irregular circumstances in regard to cheques."

With regard to that the evidence was that Mr. Messer had said there had been a system of mutual communication at least for 29 years. Underlying that had been the safeguarding of both parties, and that that course of action would cover anything unusual concerning cheques and that it would operate as between the two of them the event of anything occurring which pointed either to the probability or possibility of fraud being committed by means of cheque forms. Counsel submitted that there was a course of dealing which called for the notification by the Hongkong Government of suspicious occurrences with regard to cheque forms.

Mr. Jenkin next devoted himself to the question of whether or not Tsang was concerned in the fraud and said that he had dealt with this point in great detail during the course of his opening. The Government, with presumably the same knowledge as the present tribunal, had been satisfied to re-instate Tsang and had stated that they had the utmost faith in him and had stood and would stand by him through thick and thin.

### Silent as the Tomb.

Counsel put it to the jury that the key to the question, aye or nay was Tsang in it, was whether the covers were altered at the date alleged—were they discovered to be altered on the date alleged. The evidence was that Tsang was silent, that he never spoke to anybody, that he was as silent as the tomb.

The only conclusion which could be come to was that the alteration did not take place while the cheque book was in current use. Not a soul had stepped into the box to give a modicum of support to Tsang's evidence regarding what had taken place.

With regard to the second cheque book Tsang pointed the alteration out to Cheung who made no comment. After the discovery it was not a question of mere silence. It was a question of saying something, making the most misleading statement possible, a settlement which for cleverness took a lot of beating. It was a statement not exciting attention but one which would be valuable later if his actions should come up for inquiry.

Why, asked counsel, if the covers were found to be altered at the times alleged, was it that the conduct of Tsang and Cheung afterwards was wholly inconsistent with it? There were five occasions on which Tsang could have spoken and he did not speak. If the jury could square his silence on those occasions with anything else but that he was not telling the truth with regard to the books then he, counsel, had nothing more to say.

### Said Nothing.

When he spoke to Mr. Messer on December 22 the cheque book was lying about but he did not show it to Mr. Messer. On January 18 the first time he could have spoken was when, early in the afternoon, Cheung came back from the bank and said the cheques were in Tsang's writing.

Then Mr. Messer or someone instituted a kind of inquiry and the stub of the cheque book was brought in. Tsang had all the material for an explanation with him and yet he said nothing. Another occasion on which he could have spoken that day was when Mr. Black himself had to make the discovery that thirty cheques were also missing from another book. Tsang said nothing about it.

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thirty cheques were short in the second book Tsang did not speak then. Mr. Messer found that the previous book was short and then sent for Tsang On-wing. And not until Mr. Messer had called for the book did Tsang say anything. Even then he did not lay all his cards on the table. He did not say the covers were altered. Counsel asked whether these matters were without significance and whether they would be squared with the child-like innocence of Tsang.

### Writing Other Signature.

It had been suggested on the other side that Tsang, if he had been in the swindle, would have destroyed the cheque book covers. Counsel suggested that it was obvious that the covers had been preserved to serve a purpose—ready for the childlike explanation of cheques coming short from the bank.

Before closing his address Mr. Jenkin briefly referred further to handwriting and said the plaintiff had said the endorsements on the backs of the disputed cheques were evidence of the existence of a highly skilled forger. Counsel suggested to the jury that if they wrote some other name they would always write it the same, whatever the interval between the writings, as the signature would be in their natural hand. And to get varied writing of a signature it was merely necessary to change the hold on the pen.

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### REAL HUSTINGS ONCE MORE.

### RIVAL CANDIDATES SHOUTED DOWN.

London, Apr. 18.

Any gloomy pundit of these days who imagines that the Victorian spirit of fun at election times is now dead might have done worse than visit Premierland, Mile End, last night, where an attempt, organized by the *Daily Express*, was made to revive the glory of the hustings.

The three candidates of the Mile End division, Mr. John Scurr, the sitting Socialist member, Colonel J. B. Dodge, the Conservative, and Mr. Solomon Teff, the Liberal, had been invited to spar with words in the ring, that is ordinarily devoted to boxing. They took the ring under the chairmanship of Mr. R. D. Blumentfeld, the Editor of the *Daily Express*.

The appearance of the candidates was a signal for joyous uproar, which consisted, as far as one could distinguish the individual noises, of cheers, boos, hissing, catcalls, and strident whistling. Evidently Mile End loves a noise above all things, and took this opportunity to make the loudest possible cacophony.

Gradually the hall was brought to silence for the first speaker, Mr. Teff, but the spirit of merriment possessed the audience, or at least a section of it, and his voice was soon drowned in a chorus of ejaculation and interruption.

No better fate awaited Colonel Dodge, who found it utterly impossible, in the circumstances, to expound such a measure as the Rates Relief Act. Like the previous speaker, he was counted out. Then came Mr. Scurr, but no sooner had he risen to his feet than the uproar began once more. At the close, much to the joy of the audience, Mr. Teff protested that he had had a very fair hearing.

### SPANISH SOCCER EXCITEMENT.

ENGLAND DEFEATED IN AN AMAZING GAME.

### POLICE PROTECTION.

Madrid, May 15.

Sensation followed sensation in an international soccer match between England and Spain to-day. The most enthusiastic crowd that has ever witnessed a football match in Spain attended, and the ground which holds 40,000 could have been filled twice over. There was a crowd of over 40,000 outside in a mile-long queue.

England were much the better team in the first half and led by two goals to nil, but Spain turned the tables on the restart, and under somewhat curious circumstances, defeated the visitors, by four goals to three. England were represented by a strong international side.

There was intense excitement in the closing stages. England led 3-2 to within five minutes of the end, when Spain burst through and equalised. The huge crowd, surged on the pitch, and endeavoured to embrace the scorer, but they were chased off by elvish guards with drawn swords.

The game was resumed, and the mob repeated the scene when Spain secured the winning goal just before the finish, but the police threw a cordon round the pitch and the guards escorted the Spanish players from the field. Their dressing-room was placed under guard until the excitement had worn off.—*Reuter*.

### REHEARSAL FOR THE DERBY.

MR. JINKS BEATEN BY THE SHORTEST OF HEADS.

### AN EXCITING FINISH.

London, May 15.

Prominent candidates for the Derby competed in the race for the Newmarket Stakes, run at Newmarket over a mile and a quarter to-day.

There was an exciting finish to the race, which resulted as follows:

Lord Derby's Hunter's Moon... 1  
Major Macdonald's Mr. Jinks... 2  
Lord Rosbery's Midlothian... 3  
Hunter's Moon won by the shortest of heads, whilst Midlothian was only a short head behind Mr. Jinks.

The horses, of course, carried level weights.

The betting was as follows:  
7 to 2 against Hunter's Moon.  
5 to 4 on Mr. Jinks.  
6 to 1 against Midlothian.

Derby betting on May 4th showed Lord Astor's Craydon to be favourite at 6 to 1, other prices being Hunter's Moon 20 to 1, Mr. Jinks 100 to 12, and Midlothian 25 to 1.

### SULTAN OF JOHORE.

DENIAL OF REPORT THAT HE IS NOT RETURNING.

London, May 15.

The Colonial office has issued the following quotation by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whose attention has been drawn to a statement which has appeared in the Press about His Highness the Sultan of Johore:—

"The statement, which is to the effect that the Sultan might not be returning to Johore, is entirely without foundation. His Highness's short tour to Europe, which he intends to be as private as possible, is being undertaken mainly on medical grounds, and he contemplates returning to Johore towards the end of the year."—*British Wireless*.

### GERMAN FINANCES.

DOMESTIC LOAN BILL APPROVED.

Berlin, May 15.

The Reichstag has adopted the Bill authorizing the issue of a long term domestic loan of 300,000,000 (325,000,000), which is designed to rehabilitate the finances of the Reich. The loan will be free of all taxes, and will be offered for subscription shortly.

Furthermore the Minister suggests selling the certificates for seven per cent. preference shares in German Railway Companies which are in possession of the Reich to Savings Banks, Municipal Banks, and Public Welfare Institutions.—*Reuter*.

### 1,000 GUINEAS GOLF TOURNAMENT.

HAGEN LEADS FIELD BY 5 STROKES.

DUNCAN AND E. WHITCOMBE STRIKE REAL FORM.

### BETTER BRITISH HOPE.

London, May 15.

Walter Hagen continues to play superlative golf and his card of 70 for the concluding stage of the qualifying competition in the One Thousand Guineas Tournament placed him five strokes ahead of the rest of the powerful field.

A large gallery followed the American skipper, and he entertained them to a display of perfect golf. His play was almost free of blemish. He missed putts of two yards at the 10th and 11th holes, but he more than compensated for these slight set-backs, by holing out some phenomenally long ones.

He turned in thirty-six and then came home in thirty-four.

### Stylish Player.

Only one player equalled his performance to-day, Ernest Whitcombe, the Bournemouth player, also returning a card of 70. He played stylishly from first hole to last, and climbed high in the list. British hopes were also improved by a return to form on the part of George Duncan, who went round in 72.

A number of the American Ryder Cup players were well down in the list, and Turnesa did not qualify for the competition proper except after a play-off for bottom position.

There were no notable failures. The leading scores at the end of the qualifying competition were as follows:

Walter Hagen (U.S.)... 59 70—129  
A. Compston (Cumbria) H... 72 58—130  
H. C. Jolly (Essex) H... 73 57—130  
A. Watrous (U.S.)... 74 56—130  
A. Mitchell (private) H... 74 56—130  
T. H. Colton (Leinster) H... 74 56—130  
E. Turnesa (U.S.A.)... 74 56—130  
J. Whitecombe (Bournemouth) H... 74 56—130

Other qualifying scores were:

J. Jurado (Argentina) H... 74 56—130  
W. H. Davies (Wales) H... 74 56—130  
A. Harveys (Unattached) H... 74 56—130  
D. H. Tolson (Newport) H... 74 56—130  
T. H. Colton (Leinster) H... 74 56—130  
E. Turnesa (U.S.A.) H... 74 56—130  
J. Whitecombe (Bournemouth) H... 74 56—130

Only one place was available for scores in excess of 152, and Turnesa, the American player, qualified for this position after a play-off with other 153's over 9 holes.—*Reuter*.

### BRITISH LADIES' TITLE.

The Last Eight in the Competition.

The competition at St. Andrew's for the British Ladies' Open Championship is now reaching its closing stages. The weather was against good play, and there were several unexpectedly heavy margins.

During the morning, the severest thunderstorm in the history of the event drove most of the players off the course. Miss Wethered was drenched and left her ball on the third green, and returned to find the hole hidden in a pool.

Miss Glenna Collett, the American lady champion, was more fortunate as she was playing near a shelter at the time. An Anglo-American final is regarded as certain.

In the third round Miss Wethered beat Miss Shawan (Strule) by five and three; Miss Glenna Collett (U.S.) beat Miss Brown (Formby) by four and two; Miss Hollins (U.S.A.) beat Miss Boothby (U.S.) by 6 and 5.

In the fourth round, Miss Wethered beat Mrs. Garon, the Essex International, by 5 and 4; Miss Collett beat Mrs. Mulqueen (Canada) by 7 and 6; Mrs. Guedella beat Miss Hollins (U.S.) by 4 and 3.

The last eight in the competition are, therefore:

Miss Joyce Wethered (Britain).  
Miss Glenna Collett (U.S.A.).  
Mrs. Guedella (formerly Miss Edith Leach).  
Miss Enid Wilson (holder) (Britain).  
Miss Doris Park (Britain).  
Miss Molly Gourlay (Britain).  
Mrs. Watson (Britain).  
Miss Pyman (Britain).  
—*Reuter*.

### ARMS EMBARGO OFF.

BELGIUM REPEALING RAIL PROHIBITION.

Brussels, May 15.

The Belgian Cabinet has approved the text of Bills repealing the Measure prohibiting the transit through Belgium of war material destined for China.—*Reuter*.

### MINERS' ELECTION MANIFESTO.

STRONG ATTACK ON TORY GOVERNMENT.

### SPEECH BY PREMIER.

London, May 15.

The Miners' Federation has issued a striking manifesto in the course of which it urges the miners to "seize this priceless opportunity" of striking a blow at the authors of their sufferings, and to show by their votes, their detestation of the Tory Government, which the manifesto declares, became the Executive of the coal-owners in 1926.

The Federation also appeals to shopkeepers and business people to make a common cause with the miners and to help to give the Labour Party an opportunity of succeeding where the older parties have lamentably failed.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, speaking at Newport to-night, referred at some length to Britain's foreign relations, particularly in regard to disarmament and war debts.

He said that foreign nations must not expect Great Britain to do all the disarming and all the debt-paying. That was not the spirit of the League of Nations Covenant.

They had all got to march together, he declared, adding that Britain was marching with the quickest, but that the other nations could not lag behind indefinitely.—*Reuter*.

### THE JOYS OF "WANDERLUST."

A HUNGARIAN STUDENT SEES THE WORLD.

Three years ago Joseph Kuntze, son of a State employee living in Muhlbach, and a brilliant student of the Prague University, where he was preparing to take his degree of doctor of law, set out to climb the Lomnick, the highest peak in the Tatra range, and was never heard of again.

Last month the police received news of the lad's whereabouts, and communicated with the father, who at once set out and discovered his son driving cows to pasture in the village of Elphin, in Ireland. Medical reports pronounce Kuntze normal in mind and body.

His own story of his disappearance is as follows:—

On reaching the summit of the Lomnick, 2,645 metres high, Kuntze was so impressed by the panorama spread out beneath him that he was overtaken by an irresistible attack of "wanderlust," which he was totally unable to resist. He crossed the snow mountains and arrived in Gomor, and having come to the end of his food and money he wandered from village to village, earning enough for his needs by engaging as a day labourer. In Trieste he shipped to Greece as a stoker, and from there worked his passage back to England. He worked his way over England and Scotland, and eventually to Ireland, as a day labourer.

Although Kuntze is willing to concede to his parents' wishes and settle down, he declares that the past three years could not have been better spent.

### ALIEN'S ALLEGATION.

"COMPELLED TO JOIN BRITISH SECRET SERVICE."

London, Apr. 18.

Mihrink Haroutin Chirlian, aged 37, a dentist, was found guilty at London Sessions yesterday of stealing a gramophone from the Gramophone Company, Limited, and two rings from Charles Amherst Robertson.

He was convicted of stealing a suit of clothes from John Henry Airo, 24 pairs of silk stockings from Etam, Limited, and a cigarette case from Elkington and Company.

On Tuesday he was found guilty of stealing furniture and other articles from Mrs. Violet Gutteridge, with whom he was said to have been in partnership.

Detective Sergeant S. Harris stated that in 1927 Chairman was convicted and was recommended for deportation, but there had been obstacles.

Mr. J. F. Estwood (prosecuting) —He is an Armenian, and there is now no such place as Armenia.

Sergeant Harris—He seems to have an imaginary grievance against the British Government.

Sentence was postponed until next Sessions in order that a statement by Chirlian that he had been compelled to join the British Secret Service should be investigated.

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